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Creasy Appoints Guthrie and Others on Ballot Reform Committee.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

HARRISBURG, PA., Dec. 17.—Democratic State Chairman Creasy today added ex-Attorney General William U. Hensel of Lancaster, George W. Guthrie of Pittsburgh and ex-Representative John H. Fow of Philadelphia to the committee appointed during the present campaign to prepare ballot reform legislation to be submitted to the next legislature.

"So far as I have been able to measure the sentiment of the committee," Mr. Creasy added, "they are inclined to favor something for the general elections in the nature of the old-fashioned 'vest pocket' ballot, with such regulations and safeguards as will guarantee secrecy. There will be the booth, but no assistance of voters, and the vote will be inclosed in an envelope and deposited in the box by the voter as at present. The bills of the committee will be presented early in the session and pressed vigorously by the Democrats of both house and senate."

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The ballot reform committee appointed by the Republican state committee at the instance of Senator Quay will meet in this city tomorrow night. The members of the committee are State Senator Hertzler of Juniata county, chairman; Attorney General John P. Elkin, George T. Oliver of Pittsburgh, Homer Greene of Wayne county, and David H. Lane of Philadelphia.

Several attorneys, including Alexander Simpson, Jr., have been at work drafting a new ballot bill, which is expected to be considered by the committee tomorrow night.

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

ALVIN—Mr. Sothern in "If I Were King," 8 p. m.
NEW GRAND—New Stock Company in "Arrah-Na-Pogue," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.
DUQUESNE—Ten acts of star vaudeville, 2 and 8 p. m.
BIJOU—"A Kentucky Feud," 8:15 p. m.
EMPIRE—"Over Niagara Falls," 8:15 p. m.
ACADEMY—Harry Morris' Company in "Night on Broadway," 2 and 8 p. m.
AVENUE—Marcel's pictures and 13 other vaudeville acts; continuous performance from 1:30 to 10:30 p. m.
CARNEGIE—INSTITUTE AND ART GALLERIES—Loan exhibition, open from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.
DUQUESNE GARDEN—Ice skating

THREATS OF WAR MADE AGAINST VENEZUELA ARE NOW ENDED IN DECISION TO SETTLE ALL TROUBLES BY ARBITRATION

Castro Listens to Voice of Citizens Who Advise Peace.

GOVERNMENT SEES COERCION COMING

Premier Balfour Declares in Commons That No Pacific Blockade Is Possible.

NEW BURDENS FOR BOWEN

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

CARACAS, Dec. 17.—It has been decided that the Venezuelan difficulty shall be arbitrated, and the discussion of terms of settlement is now going on. United States Minister Bowen will be one of the arbitrators chosen by Venezuela. The government fears that coercive measures will follow the establishment of the blockade.

Caracas, Dec. 17.—Indications here are that Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies. The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to President Castro, asking him to give full powers to United States Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present difficulty.

This note was transmitted to President Castro at 1 o'clock this afternoon. It is signed by all the leading merchants, bankers and agriculturalists of Caracas. It reflects truly the consensus of opinion among the business element of the city. The men who signed the note will meet again tonight to discuss ways and means of obtaining money with which Venezuela can meet her obligations, as well as the guarantee which it will be posible to offer to her creditors. The note is as follows:

Caracas, Dec. 17, 1902.

To the President of the United States of Venezuela:

Sir—The undersigned having met with the purpose of offering their aid to the government of Venezuela in the present conflicting situation which has been created by the aggressive attitude of Germany and Great Britain, and upon your request to give our opinions in writing, we address you in the following terms:

Leave All to Bowen.

In view of the acts of violence already committed, and the absolute impotence of Venezuela to meet force with force in response to the allied action of Germany and Great Britain, in view of the fact that Venezuela has exhausted all the means required by civilization and diplomacy to put an end to the present situation, and the government and people of Venezuela having complied honorably and worthily to the demands of national honor, we consider, with all the respect that the moment to yield to force has arrived.

We therefore respectfully recommend that full power be given to the minister of the United States of North America, authorizing him to carry out proper measures to terminate the present conflict in the manner least prejudicial to the interests of Venezuela.

We subscribe ourselves your obedient servants.

The note was signed by J. E. Lineares and about 200 other prominent citizens of Caracas.

The blockade of La Guayra, notification of which in the names of Great Britain and Germany was communicated to the Venezuelan government December 13, went into effect today. The order applies to Venezuelan vessels only.

Signor de Riva Leaves.

At 8 o'clock this morning Minister Bowen went to the Italian legation in a state carriage, accompanied by Secretary Russell, and took the Italian minister, Signor de Riva and the Italian consul, Signor Gazzurrelli, and conducted them to the railroad station, where they took the train for La Guayra. The Venezuelan newspapers are still ignorant of the fact that the Italian minister presented an ultimatum to the Venezuelan government yesterday afternoon, and, therefore, there were no crowds at the railway station, and no hostile demonstration. The minister left his wife and family here.

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 17.—Signor De Riva, the Italian minister, who left Caracas this morning, arrived here at 1:30 o'clock and immediately went on board the Italian cruiser Giovanni Rausan.

The German cruiser Gazelle arrived here this morning, but left at 11 o'clock, steaming to the west.

The French steamer Ossun, which was captured on December 10 by British marines when the allies took possession of the Venezuelan gunboats, was handed over to her owner today and towed into La Guayra.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—"If the seizure of Venezuelan gunboats does not result as we all hope, it will be necessary to proceed to a blockade."

In the speech in the house of commons today, during which Premier Balfour made the above statement, he conveyed the impression of possible, though as yet, unnecessary, further hostilities, but that arbitration might be accepted.

Immediately after uttering these words the premier said that, in the event of a blockade, no difference would be made between the ships of neutral powers, who would not be consulted.

House Expresses Approval.

He then ridiculed the idea of a peaceful blockade. When he said: "I think it quite likely that the United States government would not think there is such a thing as a pacific blockade, and I personally take the same view; that evidently a blockade does involve a state of war," the house expressed its approbation.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Germany considers that President Castro's proposal to arbitrate is inadequate, unaccompanied as it is with guarantees to pay if the arbitrators decide against him, and a reply in that sense has been o. will be sent through Minister Bowen. England will make a similar answer.

A formal notification of the blockade of the Venezuelan coast by the war vessels of the allied powers is likely to be issued tomorrow. It is understood that ships of the United States will be on precisely the same basis as those of other nations.

The foreign office here denies explicitly that the German squadron in Venezuela waters has orders to seize Margarita island, adding that no occupation of the territory of Venezuela will occur.

ROME, Dec. 17.—The Italian cruiser Agordat has been ordered to proceed at once to Venezuela.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Caracas correspondent of the Matin says: It is announced that the allies intend to bombard Fort San Carlos, in the gulf of Maracaibo, today. Sixteen hundred revolutionists, under Gen. Ramos, have occupied Rio Chico, state of Miranda.

STILL THEY COME.

MINISTER BOWEN GETS ASSISTANT

Naval Officer and Fast Torpedo Boat Ordered to Venezuela.

DISCUSS BLOCKADE

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau, Room 10, Postal Building, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.

Minister Bowen will have a naval officer as assistant in the arduous work devolving upon him as the representative of the United States and half a dozen other powers in Caracas and will have at his disposal a swift torpedo boat destroyer to use as a dispatch boat in event of the cable at La Guayra being cut.

Acting upon the request of the state department, Secretary Moody today sent to Admiral Dewey, commanding the United States fleet at Culebra this telegraphic order:

"Send competent officer with dispatch in torpedo boat destroyer or other swift vessel to Caracas as assistant to American minister."

Another order was sent to Commander Diehl of the Marietta, at La Guayra, as follows:

"Send Lieut. Commander Van Duser to Caracas as assistant to American minister temporarily."

Lieut. Commander Van Duser is executive officer of the Marietta.

It is stated at the navy department that one reason for sending the officers to Caracas was the fact that Mr. Bowen is almost overwhelmed with the amount of work imposed upon him by his many charges. He has nearly all of the English residents in Caracas domiciled in the American legation and is feeding them from his own table.

Secretary Moody expects to have ready by tomorrow his order for the distribution of the vessels of the combined fleet.

No comment is made at the department upon the detention of the big battleship Wisconsin at San Francisco, as it had been planned to send her to the Puget sound dry dock to be extensively repaired.

There will be no effort on the part of this government to resist a war blockade of the Venezuelan coast as against merchant ships. Custom requires that due notice shall be given of the blockade, and fact taken in connection with the declarations that have been made in the British parliament by the authorized representatives of the British government, will, it is understood, be sufficient to justify all neutral nations in the understanding that a state of war does actually exist.

The only cablegram received at the state department from Minister Bowen, over night, was the announcement that the Italian minister at Caracas had requested him to take charge of the Italian interests in Venezuela, which under the state department's instructions he was about to do, and the minister was leaving Caracas.

SUBSTITUTE READY FOR CURRENCY BILL

Representative Fowler Introduces Measure That Suits Views of Colleagues.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Representative Fowler, chairman of the house committee on banking and currency, introduced a bill today which was drawn by him in accordance with the views of the Republican members, expressed at recent conferences, and which will be urged instead of the currency bill reported to the house at the last session.

The bill provides that any national bank may, with the approval of the comptroller of the currency, take out for circulation an amount of national bank notes not exceeding 25 per cent of its capital, without depositing United States bonds.

Before any national bank shall receive any of these bank notes it must deposit in the treasury an amount of United States bonds or gold coin equal to 5 per cent of the amount of the notes.

A tax of one quarter of 1 per cent is to be paid on the first days of January and July of each year in gold on the average amount of such notes in circulation during the preceding six months.

Tin Plant to Resume.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Orders were posted at noon today for the starting of the Shenango tin mill here on December 29. The big plant has been idle since last July, with the exception of a three weeks' run during the fall.

KAISER TAKES CONTROL OF VENEZUELAN TASK

Three Additional Warships to Be Sent—Note of Warning in London.

[Special Cable to The Gazette.]
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BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Germany is determined to force an issue in Venezuela, regardless, apparently, of sentiment at Washington. Three additional warships, the Niobe, Amazone and Ariadne, protected cruisers, have been ordered to leave for Venezuela as soon as they have completed their inspection.

The kaiser issued orders at Kiel today authorizing Commander Scheder to form a cruiser squadron. Commander Scheder is now directly under orders of the emperor, who has assumed personal control of the Venezuelan operations.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Times this morning gives great prominence to a letter from Sir Robert Giffen declaring that the foreign office gravely blundered in associating itself with Germany against Venezuela. Sir Robert strikes his most alarming note when he refers to the danger of Germany embroiling Great Britain with the United States.

The developments as revealed by Premier Balfour's statements in parliament have resulted in bringing out in the press this morning stronger expressions than ever of the desire to reach some pacific settlement.

Henry Norman, M. P., in a newspaper article emphasizes the dangers of the positions into which Germany is dragging Great Britain, and contends that the only safe and dignified course for Great Britain is to seek satisfaction through co-operation with the United States.

The newspapers this morning ask: "What would happen should Germany choose to seize Margarita island as a base for the blockade?"

The Daily News, in an editorial article, roundly declares that the new European concert is not to coerce a bankrupt republic, but is a revolt against the Monroe doctrine.

LETTER CAUSES ANGER AND SUICIDE FOLLOWS

Sister of Pittsburgh Woman Kills Herself While in Crowd of Shoppers.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CLEVELAND, Dec. 17.—Surrounded by a crowd of Christmas shoppers in front of the postoffice this afternoon Mrs. Arthur W. Jones placed a revolver at her head and fired. She flourished the weapon a second time and pulled the trigger and narrowly missed a horrified bystander. She then fell to the sidewalk with a hole in her temple. No hope is given for her recovery.

A few minutes before the shooting Mrs. Jones received a letter at the general delivery window of the postoffice. This she read, and with an expression of anger, was seen to crumple it up and hurriedly walk into the street.

She is the wife of Arthur W. Jones, a freight agent of the Lake Shore road at Rockport. A bystander picked up the letter, which the dying woman still held, and walked away with it.

Her husband could throw no light on the trouble which evidently drove his wife to attempt suicide. She left their home yesterday and her whereabouts for the following 24 hours are unknown.

The woman has a sister living in Pittsburgh. She is regarded by her neighbors as very eccentric, and often expressed a fear that some one would harm her.

FRANCE PRESENTS A BIG CLAIM TO PERU

LIMA, PERU, Dec. 17.—The French legation here presented to the Peruvian government, on November 8, a claim for $16,071,040, in favor of the Dreyfus brothers of Paris, in accordance with the finding of the Lausanne court of arbitration. Up to the present time the government has made no reply to the presentation of this claim and it is probable that the French legation tomorrow will reitrate its request for a settlement in stronger language.

MR. AND MRS. H. C. FRICK AT WHITE HOUSE TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Frick will arrive at the White house tomorrow to attend the cabinet dinner to be given tomorrow evening. They will remain the guests of President and Mrs. Roosevelt until Friday morning, after which they will visit Attorney General and Mrs. Knox until Monday.

CARNEGIE OFFERS ENDOWMENT FUND

Government Is Asked to Furnish Site for National Theater.

ACTORS INDORSE IT

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau, Room 10, Postal Building, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.

The initial step toward the establishment of a national theater, to be endowed by Andrew Carnegie, was taken today, when Representative Miers of Indiana introduced a joint resolution which provides that "a site upon which to erect a national theater be provided in the District of Columbia."

James Paxton Voorhees of this city is the moving spirit behind the resolution. The establishment of a national theater has been agitated by Mr. Voorhees since 1896.

"The movement has also secured an offer from Mr. Carnegie to endow a playhouse, with the essential qualification that the government should take an interest in the affair, and the introduction of the resolution by Mr. Miers is the logical next step in the plan of meeting the requirement of Mr. Carnegie," said Mr. Voorhees.

"The resolution introduced is the result of six years of missionary work on the subject. In 1896 I originated the first bill on the subject. Since that time, prominent members of the theatrical profession have given the matter their consideration, and indorsements have been heartily given by such actors as Richard Mansfield, Sir Henry Irving, E. H. Sothern, Henry E. Dixey, Frank Daniels and many others."

Mr. Carnegie has accepted the invitation to be present at the dedication of the Washington public library, for which he contributed $350,000. The opening will take place on January 7. President Roosevelt has also promised to be present.

L. W. STRAYER.

TEACHERS ACCUSED OF HAVING BAD HABITS

Sensation Among Washington County Directors by Startling Charges.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 17.—A sensation was caused in the Washington county school directors' meeting today when J. L. Post, a director from East Finley township, accused many of the teachers of drunkenness and immorality. The directors' meeting is being held in connection with the annual county teachers' institute. Post presented a resolution that the directors do not choose teachers who are known to possess bad habits.

Post made the statement that he had seen several of the teachers in the county drunk since he had come to Washington yesterday afternoon. He said that drunkenness was common among the Washington county teachers and that directors should do something to stop it. Several of the directors denied the charges made, but Post claimed he could produce proof.

ANDREW CARNEGIE HAS NEW NEIGHBOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—When Andrew Carnegie began to build his mansion in Fifth avenue, between Ninetieth and Ninety-first streets, it was almost the universal opinion that his residence would mark the northern limit of palatial homes for a decade at least. Now comes the announcement that I. Townsend Burden, Sr., has purchased the Fifth avenue corner plot a block further north, with the intention of making it the site of a handsome home. Mr. Carnegie was the seller.

CUBAN RECIPROCITY NOW UP TO SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The president sent to the senate today the reciprocity treaty recently negotiated between the United States and Cuba. The treaty was received by the senate in executive session and was referred to the committee on foreign relations without being read. It is stated that the treaty does not concern the disposition of the isle of Pines.

MADE PROFIT OF $15,000,000 ON THE DEAL

Union and Sharon Stockholders to Receive $31,500,000 in Bonds.

CAN BE REDEEMED IN FIVE YEARS AT $110

Steel Corporation Made Big Money by Prompt Action on Proposition.

ANOTHER PLANT BOUGHT

The Union and Sharon Steel Company interests are netting a profit of about $15,000,000 under the plan of absorption by the United States Steel Corporation. This grows out of the comparatively short period of endeavor since the two concerns were launched in the fall of 1899. It comes from increased values of ore properties in the northwest, of coking coal in the Klondike region of Fayette county, scattered coal and limestone properties and the sharp uplifting in the values of the real estate.

The investment of the Sharon company was about $6,000,000; that of the Union company about equal to this, and for these properties the Steel Corporation gives bonds which at the date of their issue will be worth about $28,000,000. The Steel Corporation's bond payment for the two properties aggregates $31,500,000, thus covering the $8,591,000 of the Sharon interest bonds outstanding.

Made a Good Bargain.

The deal is a good bargain for the Steel Corporation, as it secures properties which were wanted at a price that could probably not have been arranged in the course of another month, when the new Union Steel Company intended to float an $18,000,000 bond issue of its own. It is also a master stroke for the corporation, in that it avoided the high values in the initial formation of the Steel Corporation.

The deal was not brought about. It is stated officially, through the purpose of the new Union Steel Company to erect a railroad from Elk Creek harbor on Lake Erie to the works at Sharon and Donora and the coking fields. Yet the effect is the same, for this railroad of 200 miles will not now be built as intended and, probably never will be.

Within the period of the 15-day option on the Elk Creek harbor property, it is expected the Steel Corporation will take this into the deal at a price approximating $500,000, which was about the investment of Henry C. Frick and the Mellons.

Additional Lake Terminals.

The harbor will be utilized for additional lake terminals for the Bessemer & Lake Erie railroad. This will be done by the construction of about five miles of new railroad from Elk Creek harbor to connect with the Bessemer, immediately south of the harbor, the new line to be constructed along Elk creek and to connect with the spur of the Bessemer, which at Cranesville, Pa., leaves the Conneaut line to link with the Nickle Plate at Wallace Junction.

The Bessemer is arranging to take care of a tremendously increased tonnage within the next year, and in that period the plan to double-track the line will be rushed forward. Extensions may be built from Mercer, on the Bessemer, about 14 miles, into Sharon, and from the southern terminus up the Monongahela river to Donora, but these extensions are not now seriously considered.

At any rate, it is the hand of J. Pierpont Morgan which has cut off the construction of another independent railroad into the Pittsburgh district, just as the same active influence stopped the South Penn enterprise years ago, and the later ambition of Andrew Carnegie for an independent line to the eastern seaboard.

Bonds Redeemable at $110.

The $45,000,000 bonds which will be issued in the absorption deal will be 50-year bonds, but will be redemmable after five years at $110. Thus the amount which the new Union interests secure for their properties will grow to $30,800,000 in the course of five years, besides drawing 5 per cent interest, while the $10,000,000 bonds paid for in cash by the Union company interests are figured to grow to a value of $11,000,000 and at the same time earn the interest. It is the way that millions grow. The Union Steel Company will complete an organization, issue stock, and this will be exchanged for the bonds. The plan will leave $5,500,000 of the bonds in the treasury for future improvements to the Union company properties. The $10,000,000 for immediate improvements will be used in completing the work planned at Donora and Sharon, including the erection of the additional furnaces, which will make seven in all, and possibly others will be added.

Reports of the big deal having been closed last week were premature. On last Saturday, when matters had been practically closed in the Pittsburgh conference, differences arose which threatened to spoil the deal. The Union and the Sharon interests disagreed as to the values of their properties. Some of the Pittsburghers most interested were much in doubt till Tuesday. The Sharon interests were figured in at $17,000,000, including the Sharon bond issue of $3,591,000, and the Donora interests at $14,500,000, making the total $31,500,000.

When the Deal Was Closed.

It was 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when Vice President William E. Donner of the temporary organization of the new Union Steel Company was assured in a telegram from Chicago that the deal had been closed. This was just about the hour that former Judge E. H. Gary gave out his statement. The papers had been signed by Chairman George N. Perkins of the finance committee and Judge Gary.

Henry C. Frick made the initial proposition to former Judge James H. Reed within the past fortnight. Judge Reed submitted the matter to the executives and Mr Perkins in New York, and that is why the inspection party took its flitting glance at the Donora and Sharon works while here. Meantime George W. Darr, who has been the president of the Sharon company, actively took up the promotion of the deal. A. F. Luke, his partner in the brokerage concern of Luke, Darr & Moore of New York and Pittsburgh, was formerly treasurer of the United States Steel Corporation and closely associated with Mr. Perkins and the Morgan inter-

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HENRY S. DOTTERER.

Gov.-elect Pennypacker has announced that Henry S. Dotterer of Philadelphia will be his private secretary. Mr. Dotterer was born on February 16, 1841, at Frederick, Montgomery county, and in 1865 entered the employ of Peter Wright & Sons, where he remained for more than 18 years. During part of his service he was chief accountant for the firm. In 1899 he was the auditor of the National Export association, which gave an exposition in West Philadelphia. For the past three years he has been the assistant treasurer of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum.

Mr. Dotterer has published some noteworthy works on history. He is identified with the Reformed church. He is a member of the Historical society, the Pennsylvania German society, the Presbyterian Historical society, the Montgomery County Historical society and the Pennsylvania Sons of the Revolution.

YOUNG PARTNERS GO TO MEET CARNEGIE

They Will Dine With the Philanthropist in His New Mansion in New York.

As many of the "30 young partners" of Andrew Carnegie as could arrange it will dine with their chief at his new mansion in Fifth avenue, New York, this evening. Over a score of them left last night in a special car on the Pittsburgh limited of the Pennsylvania railroad. The partners of Mr. Carnegie's steel enterprises have formed the Carnegie Pioneers' association, of which Mr. Carnegie is chairman and Charles L. Taylor, former assistant to the president of the Carnegie Steel Company, limited, the secretary. There will be no new steel ventures launched, the purpose of the association being to keep alive the social features of the limited partnership.

Leaving Pittsburgh last night for the event were George Lauder, a cousin of Mr. Carnegie, who was his closest personal representative and a consulting partner in the limited partnership; Thomas Morrison, another cousin, then and now general superintendent of the Edgar Thomson steel works; Alexander R. Peacock, who was first vice president of the partnership and who was born in Dunfermline, Scotland, the place of the steel master's nativity; D. M. Clemson, now president of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company; W. H. Singer, one of the consulting partners; Homer J. Lindsay, assistant to the president of the Carnegie group of constituents of the United States Steel Corporation; Thomas Lynch, president of the H. C. Frick Coke Company; W. C. McCausland, treasurer of the present Carnegie Steel Company; John McLeod, who was engineer of tests of the partnership; G. D. Packer, solicitor under the partnership; Charles L. Taylor, chairman of the Andrew Carnegie pension fund; William L. Abbott, former chairman of the partnership; E. H. Utley, general manager of the Bessemer railroad; W. R. Balsinger, chief engineer of ordnance; W. H. Blackburn, second vice president and secretary of the Carnegie concerns of the Steel Corporation; James J. Campbell, auditor of the Carnegie companies; A. C. Dinkey, general superintendent of the Homestead works; A. R. Hunt, general superintendent of the Duquesne steel works; L. T. Brown, superintendent of the Upper and Lower Union and the Clark mills, and George E. McCague, general freight agent of the Carnegie concerns.

W. E. Corey, president, and H. P. Bope, first vice president of the Carnegie companies, were in New York ahead of the party leaving last night and will be present for the dinner

PITTSBURGH EXPERT IN BURGLARY LINE

Safe Cracker Clark Tells How Hagamann's Jewelry Store Was Robbed.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—James Clark, safe cracker, crook and ex-convict, was the star witness in the trial of Policeman Patrick Mahoney, charged with complicity in the burglary of Hagamann's jewelry store, from which $8,000 worth of jewelry was stolen.

Clark, who looks more like a preacher than a burglar, explained the art of safe-cracking to a large and breathless audience. Clark is a Pittsburgh product, and though little known here, has a brilliant record in the east as a "good man," where he made a specialty of doing easy jobs with weak policemen.

Clark, with many gestures, described how he and his partner, Thomas Barry, entered the jewelry store and blew open the big safe with nitro-glycerin. He told how Policeman Mahoney engineered the job and received the loot, comprising diamonds, jewelry, watches, etc. In telling of Mahoney's connection with the job, the witness said the officer had himself excused from duty just before the burglary was committed, that no blame would attach to him, which would have been the case if he had been on active duty on his beat at the time.

PRESIDENT ENJOYS TALK IN DUTCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—A special from Washington to the World says: Representatives Wachter and Schirmer of Baltimore and Louis Michel, editor of the Deutsch-Amerikaner of Baltimore called at a time when the president was not busy today and they had a long talk in both German and Dutch. The president repeated in Dutch an old song popular among the South African Dutch, "The Cows Are in the Clover."

EX-HUSBAND NOW AIDING MISS BIGGAR

James W. Connell Testifies in Fight for Bennett's Estate.

SAYS MILLIONAIRE SPOKE OF HIS WIFE

Others Declare They Heard Aged Man Say He Was Married to Actress.

DR. CONOLY TAKES STAND

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

Freehold, N. J., Dec. 17.—This was a day of surprises and sensations in the trial of Laura Biggar and others on a charge of conspiracy to obtain possession of the entire estate of Henry M. Bennett. Not the least of these was when, at the opening of the afternoon session, a stranger to all but half a dozen persons in the room was called to the stand and announced himself as James W. McConnell, the actress' first husband, who had come from Wisconsin to aid her in her defense.

Most important of his testimony was his statement that Mr. Bennett told him more than two years ago that Laura Biggar was his wife. This was on an occasion in July, 1900, when Mr. McConnell called upon his former wife at Bennett's cottage in Avon-by-the-Sea, to obtain, if possible, possession of Willis, Miss Baggar's 14-year-old son, who, Mr. McConnell said, was born while he and the actress were husband and wife. There had been some unsatisfactory correspondence on the subject previous to this time, and in the end the actor left his son with the mother.

"As long as I am married to Laura Biggar I can give your son a better home than you can," he said Mr. Bennett told him.

Telegram Brings Him.

Mr. McConnell is leading man and stage director with the William Owen Company. He and Miss Biggar were married in Winnipeg in 1889, he said, and were divorced four years after the boy, Willis, was born, she getting a decree for non-support.

On cross-examination Mr. McConnell admitted that he had received a telegram on Saturday night while he was playing in a Wisconsin town from his former wife, asking him to come east and testify, and he had obeyed the summons with all dispatch. He maintained that he never had told her of his conversation with Mr. Bennett and supposed she learned what he could testify from other actors. He declared he was to receive nothing but his expenses for acting as a witness.

After the adjournment of court in the afternoon there was a pleasant family reunion in the Belmont hotel. Father, mother and child dined together and exchanged pleasantries and confidences and attracted great interest from the other patrons of the hotel. All the evening they talked together in Miss Biggar's room, Mr. McConnell playing cards with his son part of the time.

Talk of Reconciliation.

When it was learned that Mr. McConnell had pleaded "not guilty" to use his own words, when asked if he had remarried after the divorce, Miss Biggar obtained from him, there was considerable gossip about the hotel as to the possibility of a reconciliation after the trial.

"It was perfectly dear of him to come so far to help me," the actress said this evening.

But when a reconciliation and perhaps remarriage to her former husband were suggested she only smiled gayly, declaring that really she was not the one to speak about so delicate a matter.

She is greatly dreading the ordeal that is before her tomorrow, when she will be a witness in her own defense. Her heart is weak, she says, and she is fearful that she will break down under the strain.

Already one character in the drama has almost succumbed. Mrs. Hendrick, whose husband has to spend the time he is not in court in the jail, not being able to obtain bail, fainted in the dining-room this evening as she sat down to dinner. After a few minutes she recovered.

Mr. McConnell's testimony and that of other witnesses who followed him is of particular importance as disclosing the line of the defense.

Mainly About Stanton.

By the prosecution it is maintained that Laura Biggar and Henry M. Bennett never were married, and that no child was born to Miss Biggar in Dr. Hendrick's sanitarium last July; that the marriage certificate is fraudulent, and that these claims were made in a conspiracy to seize the entire Bennett estate. Before the prosecution rested its case early this afternoon, evidence had been offered chiefly in connection with the alleged marriage by Samuel Stanton, the former police justice of Hoboken, when the prosecution maintains never took place.

So far the defense has not taken up the question of the certificate but half a dozen witnesses have been called to testify that Mr. Bennett had told them Miss Biggar was his wife, the indication being that the defense will at least try to prove that a common law marriage existed.

One of these witnesses was Joseph Jarrow, who wrote "The Queen of Chinatown," in which Miss Biggar appeared in Pittsburgh two years ago. Mr. Jarrow was in a box with Mr. Bennett, he said, on Christmas eve, and while Miss Biggar was on the stage, made a complimentary remark about her appearance, at which Mr. Bennett appeared to be offended.

"I want to tell you once for all that Laura Biggar is my wife," the witness said Mr. Bennett told him.

Mr. Jarrow said he knew the two had been living together, but had not known until that time that they were married.

Comedy Interpolated.

Another witness along the same line, who furnished the comedy features of the court room drama, was Edward Reynolds. He worked for Mr. Bennett on the latter's place at Farmingdale for five years, up to a year ago last July. It was with a crimsoned face and a manner much abashed that he related occasions when Mr. Bennett acknowledged Miss Biggar as his wife.

He said he had heard his employer speak of the actress as Mrs. Bennett. On cross-examination he said he had

previously told no one what Mr. Bennett had said.

"Not even my wife," he added.

Only one witness was called by the defense in connection with Stanton's testimony. Martin F. Dahb, a Hoboken saloonkeeper, told of Stanton having been intoxicated in his place at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of the day on which it is alleged that Stanton was detected in connection with the marriage certificate by Alex C. Young, a Hoboken lawyer, who has been prominent in the case. It had been testified that Stanton was sober at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and it was plain that the object of the saloonkeeper's evidence was to show that, as one of the lawyers put it, "It is fair to assume that if a man is completely 'full' at 5 o'clock he was fairly 'full' at 4, unless he used a hydraulic pump."

Had Friend With Him.

"You wouldn't have sold him a drink if he had been intoxicated, would you?" asked Mr. Wilson.

"Well, you see he had a good friend, Mr. Young, with him, so I knew he was all right," was the reply, at which there was a laugh throughout the court room, as it was Mr. Young's work that got Stanton into his present difficulties.

A. V. D. Watterson, a Pittsburgh lawyer, and counsel for P. J. McNulty, one of the executors of the Bennett estate, Mr. McNulty himself and Samuel A. Patterson of Asbury Park told of a visit they had made to Miss Biggar several months ago to find out what action she proposed taking. At that time she said she was undecided whether to accept what was left to her in the will or to put in a claim for services as nurse to Mr. Bennett, or to seek to obtain a footing as his legal widow.

Henry Croft and Louis Peters, stationers of New York, said that an examination of the alleged marriage certificate disclosed to them the fact that the form had not even been printed until 1900, two years after Mr. Bennett and Miss Biggar were alleged to have been married in Hoboken by Stanton.

Defendant Moved to Tears.

When court adjourned Dr. John T. Conoly of Bayonne was on the stand. He will be cross-examined tomorrow morning, as his testimony is of great importance. He told of having assisted at the birth of a child to Miss Biggar at Dr. Hendricks' sanitarium last July, going into the matter in detail, while the actress buried her face in a black-bordered handkerchief, her body shaking with sobs, as the physician related the death of the baby 13 days later from inability to retain nourishment.

MADE PROFIT OF $15,000,000 ON DEAL

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ests, having been one of the original syndicate of the National Tube Company, the constituent of the Steel Corporation in which Mr. Morgan had been most interested.

It was stated officially for the Steel Corporation yesterday that the Sharon-Union properties will pay for themselves out of their own earnings; that at the initial suggestion of Mr. Frick the deal was promptly taken hold of as promising ready accomplishment at an opportune time, when the Steel Corporation could arrange its own securities and the manner of payment.

An Associated Press dispatch from Albany, N. Y., last night announces that the Steel Corporation has purchased for $1,500,000 the property of the Troy Steel Company at Troy and Breaker Island. This is a Standard Oil Company concern, and has been in receivership. It is capitalized at $2,500,000, and Henry H. Rogers, director in the Standard Oil Company, is prominent in the directorate. The three blast furnaces of the company and some of its mills have been idle, the chief difficulty arising from the false plan of operating with native ores. The dispatch from Troy says that the works will be abandoned, but this is unlikely if the corporation has made the purchase, as the property could be operated successfully with Lake Superior ores. The works have a capacity of 200,000 tons of Bessemer ingots and 275,000 tons of rolled products.

A special dispatch to The Gazette from Sharon says that the improvement to be made there will cost about $2,000,000, the rest of the $10,000,000 to be expended at Donora. It is expected that William H. Donner will be retained as manager of the Donora works and John Stevenson, Jr., of the Sharon works.

JAPANESE DENIED VOTING FRANCHISE

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 17.—A cable dispatch was received here today stating that the privy council of Great Britain has reversed the decision of the full court in British Columbia, and has decided that it is within the power of the legislature of the province to prevent Japanese from voting. The case of Tommy Homa, the test action of the Japanese in their fight for voting powers, has been before the courts for a year and a half.

CALEB POWERS ASKS AID OF POSTMASTERS

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Hundreds of postmasters in West Virginia today received letters from Caleb Powers of Kentucky requesting aid in a financial way to be used in securing his freedom at his next trial. The letters it seems have been sent chiefly to fourth class postmasters.

STEAMER WRECKED AND CREW MISSING

OSWEGO, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The steamer John E. Hall is ashore on the Duck Islands, 30 miles out in Lake Ontario. The crew probably have been drowned, as nothing has been seen or heard of the men.

DIED.

ERVINE—On Wednesday, December 17, 1902, at 3:30 p. m., ROBERT HENRY ERVINE, in the 37th year of his age.

Funeral services on Friday, December 19, at 2 p. m., at his late residence, Chatsworth avenue, near Mobile street, Hazelwood. Friends of the family and L. O. L. No. 20 are respectfully invited to attend.

MEANS—Suddenly of pneumonia, on Thursday, December 18, 1902, at 12:35 a. m., at Pittsburgh, Pa., MRS. HARRY G. MEANS (nee Emma Smith) of Brookville, Pa.

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Headquarters for everything musical that is the best.

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DIVEKEEPERS TIPPED OFF BY THE POLICE

Diamond Street Dens Closed as Result of Gazette's Crusade.

PEOPLE COMMEND EXPOSE OF VICE

Good Results Looked for in Showing the Neglect of City Officials.

VIEWS OF THE CITIZENS

"You won't be arrested, but keep your places closed until The Gazette quits rapping."

This was the substance of Police Inspector Fred Will's notice yesterday to "Peasy" Richardson and "Honey" O'Neil, whose dives in Diamond street were exposed by The Gazette. Instead of making information against the two men for keeping disorderly houses, the police officials gave them friendly warning to close temporarily, encouraging them with the statement that the newspaper crusade "would soon blow over."

Inspector Will and the two proprietors had a long talk about their troubles. The inspector assured them that he was sorry to close them up, and told them it was the fault of The Gazette, and that he could not be blamed.

These events followed a conference between Recorder J. O. Brown and Supt. John McAleese. Both the superintendent and the inspector declare they had no knowledge that such places existed.

Leslie Seeks Information.

Director A. H. Leslie of the department of public safety, who issues orders to McAleese, yesterday asked a reporter for The Gazette:

"Were those places as bad as The Gazette said they were? I knew they were there, but did not know that the conditions were so bad."

"Of course they are," the reporter replied. "They are the lowest dives in the city."

The expose made by The Gazette has awakened the people of Pittsburgh to a full realization of the evils sanctioned by the police. That vice and the illegal selling of liquor were protected by those chosen to guard the peace of the city has long been an open secret, but The Gazette's pictures and accounts caused shock and surprise to Pittsburgh's citizens. On every hand The Gazette is being commended.

"The work that is being done by The Gazette is just what Pittsburgh has needed for many years," said Mrs. J. E. Niecronger, matron of the Bethesda home in Colwell street. "The traffic in girls in Pittsburgh is amazing, and I trust The Gazette will punish those who protect crime. Many a young woman is led unsuspectingly into a life of shame, and, through force of circumstances, is compelled to remain in an abandoned condition."

Community's Welfare at Stake.

"When the city's guardians tolerate evils like those described in The Gazette, every such house should be exposed," said Miss Kate C. McKnight. "The future welfare of the community depends in guiding the coming generation in the path of honor, and this cannot be done while resorts like those in Diamond street are permitted to carry on their traffic."

Oliver McClintock said: "I was surprised by the articles in The Gazette relating to the existence of dives in Diamond street. I commend The Gazette for its vigorous action. The fact that the resorts were closed voluntarily, following the expose, shows that good work is being accomplished."

The Rev. W. H. W. Rees, pastor of the Smithfield Street Methodist Episcopal church, said:

"Any legitimate crusading against vice in this city is to be applauded. I am in favor of a radical suppression of the greatest of all evils, the gambling den and all places where illicit business is carried on. I believe these dens of iniquity have protectors among the police, and I think the way to reach the evil is to find the protector and make him answer for it."

Vice Can be Suppressed.

The Rev. S. Edward Young, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, expressed his views as follows.

"What The Gazette is doing is certain to bring good results, for unquestionably it is evoking public sentiment. A considerable portion of the vice in this city could be suppressed by vigorous enforcement of the law. Just who is immediately responsible for this awful condition the people cannot easily decide. For instance, so far as I have been able to judge, Supt. McAleese is making an honest effort to discharge his duties, but The Gazette's disclosures show negligence or worse on somebody's part.

"The work done by The Gazette will bring sweeping results. The gambling and drinking houses will be wiped out and illicit resorts that remain will not have police protection or protection of any kind from politicians of high or low degree."

"The Gazette deserves the heartiest commendation of every citizen of Pittsburgh for its expose of the vile dens in Diamond street," said John Eaton, president of the Oil Well Supply Company. "Newspaper exposure will do more than any other agency in stamping out vice and deserves hearty support."

ALLEGHENY SELECT COUNCIL.

Authorizes Repair to Pumping Engine. Passed Many Ordinances.

Recorder John R. Murphy sent to Allegheny select council at its regular monthly session last evening a communication stating that a piston head had been broken on one of the pumping engines at the Montrose station. Council passed an ordinance authorizing the expenditure of $2,000 in repairing the break.

Other routine business transacted included the following:

Final passage of the ordinances regulating the market house; authorizing the Western Bridge Company to erect and maintain a bridge over the Ohio river to Mckees Rocks; authorizing the purchase of patent rights for iron stop gate boxes from J. Linwood Brown for $600; authorizing purchase of pumps, electric motors, etc., for a pumping station in the Fifteenth ward; granting the Pittsburgh Clay Pot Company the right to lay and maintain a railroad switch on South avenue; submitting to the vote of the electors the question of increasing the city's indebtedness $7,450 for the grading, paving and curbing of Drum street; authorizing the issuing of $15,827 bonds for the grading and paving of Woodland avenue and $242 for a like improvement of Norwood avenue; creating the office of superintendent of markets and abolishing the office of market clerk; for grading, paving and curbing of Drum street and for sewers for Eggers and Schimmer streets, and Wilson, Harrison and Gass avenues; authorizing the director of public works to lease, for two years, to John A. Crawford a portion of the Allegheny wharf in the Fourth ward at $1,000 per year for sawmill purposes.

INVOKES DIVINE AID TO TELL THE FORTUNES OF THE SOUL.

Mrs. Sarah McCloy, Who Now Poses in the Role of a Fortune Teller.

In a little house in the rear of No. 1409 Sandusky street, Allegheny, Mrs. Sarah McCloy, or as she styles herself, Mrs. Rev. Thomas, has started what she terms a fortune-telling house. When seen yesterday afternoon she said she had recently moved to her present address and was not quite "fixed up enough" to start into her new vocation, but hoped by next Sunday to hold her first "meeting."

From the following advertisement Mrs. McCloy's address and her mission were learned, and Mrs. McCloy stated to a reporter for The Gazette that he was the first person to answer it:

> PERSONAL—Mrs. Rev. Thomas, known to the public as Mrs. McCloy, will tell fortunes of the soul and take free-will offerings. Rear of No. 1409 Sandusky street, Allegheny.

Mrs. McCloy responded to a rap on her door yesterday afternoon, and when asked if she was Mrs. McCloy, she said:

"My name is Mrs. Rev. Thomas, but I am also known as Mrs. McCloy. You will please address me by my real name, Mrs. Rev. Thomas.

"I am telling fortunes of the soul," she continued. "I am able to tell a person's future just as easily as I can their past."

"Then you are a plain fortune-teller?"

"Yes, that is what I am engaged in at present. I am able to tell a person's fortune by merely looking at them, studying their faces and features and watching their actions while in my presence.

"I can tell fortunes correctly, too. I never make a prediction, and through divine aid am able to tell persons all of their past life. I do much of my work through prayer, and it is always my custom after relating a person's past and future to pray with each one for a season."

It was suggested to Mrs. McCloy that the reporter would not be averse to having his fortune told, whereupon she said:

"I have just been praying for four hours, and do not quite feel able yet to tell a newspaper man's fortune. They are such liars. They have no past and very little future."

Mrs. McCloy was induced to give her views of newspapers in general, but they would not look well in print. She accuses the Pittsburgh dailies with causing her to lose her suit for breach of promise against the Rev. J. M. Thomas of the South Side for $10,000 damages some time ago. She said:

"I want to caution the public against the preachers and priests. I have nothing to do with them. They have crucified me, betrayed me and done every manner of wrong against me, and instead of doing good, as they are supposed to do, they do exactly the opposite—all manner of evil."

When an opportunity presented itself for the "free-will offering," Mrs. McCloy was asked if she needed the money for Christmas purposes. She grew very indignant at the inquiry, and said:

"No. I need it to strengthen my work. I am now employed by the Lord, and while I do not ask assistance in my work, it must come from somewhere, and every little free-will offering will be thankfully received."

Mrs. McCloy then stated that she would possibly hold her first big meeting next Sunday. She hopes to have everything arranged by that time, and will aim to accommodate quite a crowd of people who she fully believes will go to have the fortune of their souls told.

The Allegheny police say they do not know of Mrs. McCloy's presence on the North Side and never heard of her holding "meetings" at the Sandusky street place. They will look into the "meetings," however.

The family at No. 1409 Sandusky street have been greatly annoyed by persons who wanted their fortunes told calling at the house, thinking Mrs. McCloy lived there, and not in the rear.

THE RISE ALL HERE.

The Monongahela Reached an 18-Foot Stage—Runaway Fleet at Cincinnati Insured.

A stage of 18 feet of water was last night reached in the Pittsburgh harbor, and the Monongahela river will be falling this morning. The rise out of the Allegheny will make the fall a gradual one, but by tomorrow there will be a rapid decline in the stage of water. The Monongahela was falling rapidly yesterday afternoon at Rices Landing and Greensboro. It will probably be late today or tomorrow before the movement of coal out of the pools of the river for southern shipment can be commenced.

Capt. Samuel Coffin of Cincinnati, marine insurance underwriters' agent, who is in Pittsburgh, says that all of the craft carried out of the Willow Grove landing at Cincinnati Tuesday was insured through George W. Neare, Gibbs & Co., and the loss will be heavy to the owners of the runaway craft. Some coal was sunk, but just how much Capt. Coffin has not been able to ascertain.

The independent operators of Pittsburgh did not lose any coal. Some of the runaway empty barges were owned here, but most of these, Capt. Coffin says, were scattered along the river, and until they are brought back to Cincinnati by the boats that went in pursuit, just who lost by the accident will not be known.

The towboats Coal City and James Wood were the only two to leave port yesterday. The Coal City took 12 coalboats, 3 barges and 5 flats, while the James Wood left with 5 coalboats. Much coal will be moved, however, in a day or two. The high water in the Monongahela has prevented the bringing of coal out of the pools for southern shipment.

CHARGED WITH FELONY.

Cedar Ross Is Identified as One of Irwin Bank Burglars and Warrant Is Sworn Out.

Cedar Ross, alias Samuel Sylvester, now in the Allegheny county jail for assaulting and robbing John Kleinman, an Allegheny plumber, was last night charged with the robbery of the Irwin bank.

Ross was positively identified yesterday by Mrs. Harry Critchlow of Irwin as the man whom she saw in front of the Irwin bank with a gun in his hand the morning the bank was robbed.

Mrs. Critchlow, without a minute's hesitation, picked Ross out of six men, who were placed before her as the man she saw from her window across the street from the bank, when she was awakened by the explosion.

Cashier Thomas P. Herron of the bank swore out a warrant charging Ross with the robbery on the strength of Mrs. Critchlow's identification of him.

Korea Asked to Pay Up.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—It is announced in a special dispatch from Seoul that the United States minister to Korea has demanded the payment of $1,500,000 due to the builders of the electric road.

Tonight

Just before retiring, if your liver is sluggish, out of tune and you feel dull, bilious, constipated, take a dose of

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And you'll be all right in the morning.

NEW STEEL ROADWAYS BEAT BELGIAN BLOCKS

First Test Is Made Over Section Laid by Automobile Club.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU, Herald Building, Herald Square, NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

Steel roads were given their first comparative test in this city today and came off victorious in their match with Belgian blocks, by an average margin of 60 per cent advantage.

The trials took place at 2 o'clock in the afternoon over the completed experimental stretch of rails in Murray street, between Broadway and Church street. The tracks are the first section of an aggregate mile of this steel road to be built in this city. The balance will be laid partly in an uptown and partly in a suburban district.

The experimental highway is being put down at the expense of the Automobile Club of America and several of its members. Mr. Jefferson Seligman is the chairman of the committee, and Mr. Charles M. Schwab, the donor of the rails.

GIRL GETS DAMAGES.

Judgment Against Washington Business Man for Alleged Defamation of Character.

WASHINGTON, PA., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—In the Mankey-Stocking case in civil court here this afternoon the jury brought in a verdict awarding the girl $5,500 damages for defamation of character. The case was one of the most sensational ever tried in this county, both litigants being members of old and prominent families.

Grace Mankey asked $10,000 as the result of stories alleged to have been circulated by Stocking and his wife. Hugh L. Stocking is one of Washington's prominent business men. A similar suit has been brought by Miss Mankey against Mrs. Stocking, but this case has been continued until the next term of court.

TWO CHILDREN CREMATED

House Caught Fire at Midnight While the Parents Were Away from Home.

CUMBERLAND, MD., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The home of Philip Harper, residing on Cheat river, 10 miles from Elkins, W. Va., is in ashes, and two of his children, aged 17 and 9, have been cremated. The fire occurred at 1 o'clock in the morning while Mr. and Mrs. Harper were away from home. Samuel Harper, the eldest son, was awakened.

He risked his life to save his brothers and sisters and carried a 6-year-old sister out more dead than alive. He tried in vain to reach the two children who were burned to death and was painfully burned. The origin of the fire is unknown.

TOWN IS DESTROYED BY AN EARTHQUAKE

ASHKABAD, RUSSIAN TURKESTAN, Dec. 17.—The town of Andijan, Ferghan, was totally destroyed by an earthquake yesterday. The number of fatalities is not yet ascertained. The population is threatened with starvation. Shocks were felt in New Margueian and surrounding villages, and a railway at Andijan was destroyed for a considerable distance. Food and clothing are being sent to Andijan.

Andijan is a town of Russian Central Asia, 73 miles from Khokand. It had a population of about 30,000.

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PRICE OF ANTHRACITE WILL NOT BE REDUCED

Operators Decide to Make Consumers Pay Entire Cost of Strike.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU, Public Ledger Building, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.

The present high prices of anthracite will rule throughout the year 1903, so the operators have decided, and the consumers will pay the bill of the coal strike, for the 50 cents a ton added to the last rates in October will be continued during the coming year and add at least $28,000,000 to the profits of the coal companies.

When the strike ended it was the intention on October 17 to continue the rate of $6.75 a ton for prepared sizes for a year from that time. The plan of the operators now, it is said, is not to take off the 50 cents until January 1, 1904.

Reading officials today declined to discuss the question, but they admitted that present prices would certainly rule beyond January 1, the date fixed for a reduction to the old rate.

SAMOAN VOLCANO SUDDENLY ACTIVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The state department has received from United States Consul Heimrod, at Apia, Samoa, a report that on November 2 last two supposedly extinct craters in the volcano of Mauga, Apia, on the Island of Savaii, broke into violent eruptions. Heavy earthquake shocks preceded the volcano outbreak. No lives were lost.

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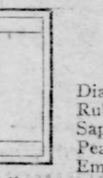

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MADE BIG BEQUEST FOR MUSEUM OF ART

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The will of Heber R. Bishop, disposing of an estate valued at $3,500,000, was filed in the surrogate's office today. The sum of $50,000 is bequeathed to prepare a room in the Metropolitan Museum of Art for the reception of the great collection of precious stones, valued at $750,000, presented by Mr. Bishop to the museum last April. After small bequests to relatives, the rest of the estate is divided between the testator's widow and his eight children.

STEAMSHIP LINES THREATEN BOYCOTT

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A proposal to increase tonnage dues at Southampton in order to recoup the cost of the project to deepen the harbor has raised a storm of protests on the ground that light draught vessels will be taxed unfairly. The North German Lloyd line threatens not to call at Southampton and the American and other lines have sent in written protests to the harbor board. The board has appointed a committee to consider these recommendations.

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DIRECTOR LESLIE EVADES PROTEST

Starts Construction of Municipal Hospital Addition in Thirteenth Ward.

WORK TO BE PUSHED

The protest of the citizens of the Thirteenth ward against the erection of a new municipal hospital on city property in that neighborhood will be evaded by Director A. H. Leslie of the department of public works, who will proceed at once to build an addition to the present pesthouse on ground adjoining the site for the proposed hospital building. The Thirteenth ward residents secured a resolution from councils sustaining their protest against the erection of the hospital in their ward, and the authority of the city to go on with the work is pending a decision by court.

Director Leslie said he expected to have the addition completed within three weeks and had decided not to use the new police station at Center avenue and Dinwiddie street unless there should be an increase in the smallpox epidemic. The addition will adjoin the anti-toxine stable, which is also being converted into quarters for smallpox patients. The new building will be a frame structure, 40 feet long and 30 feet wide and two stories high. The director stated it would not cost over $10,000 and would accommodate 50 patients.

When asked where the money would be obtained to pay for the material and labor, the director replied that he was not considering that phase of the matter, the addition was being built as a necessity and it would be the duty of councils later to provide the money.

SAY MACHINE MEN HAVE BEEN SLATED

When the Allegheny Citizens party committee of 15, that passes on councilmanic nominations, meets tonight at Kenyon's hall, it will find a number of Second ward citizens present to protest against the approval of the nomination of three candidates for common council in that ward.

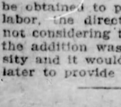
Under the rules of the Citizens, the ward committee nominates councilmen and the committee of 15 approves or disapproves of the selection. The Second ward body on Tuesday night named W. C. Burry, W. A. Ford, Samuel McElroy, W. E. Kimberlin, J. K. Searight and Alexander Bennie.

The first four men are now in common council. There is no objection to Kimberlin, but there is to the other three. It is charged that they worked against the Citizens county ticket. The committee of 15 will be asked to set aside their nominations.

Edward C. Sykes of Bellevue has announced himself as a candidate for borough tax collector. Mr. Sykes is at present delinquent tax collector of county taxes, and the good record which he has made in discharging the duties of this office, which he holds by appointment, resulted in his friends insisting upon him being a candidate for the borough office. He will oppose W. R. Johnston, the incumbent.

William Tunstall will be the Citizens candidate in Homestead for burgess. H. E. Johns of the First ward, who was considered as a candidate for council as a representative of the Citizens, has decided to go into the Republican primaries. Jacob Gilliland will be the Republican candidate in the Second ward, while David Gilhooley, Democrat, will run for the Citizens. In the Third ward the Citizens have no candidate, and the Republican candidates are Adam Brockie, Jr., Henry Clark and H. E. Schwartz. Michael Havican, Democrat, will run in the Fourth ward as a Citizen, and will be opposed by Louis Rott, president of the First National bank. In the Fifth ward Philip Richards is a candidate for re-election without opposition.

THE WEATHER.



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Christmas shoppers in Pittsburgh are to have at least two good days in which to gather their presents, according to the forecast of the Washington weather observer, who predicts pleasant weather locally for the next two days. The miserable weather, which prevailed throughout the country during the early part of the week, has passed, and yesterday rain was reported from only one place in the United States. Not a cloud was in sight last night, and it is expected today will be one of the finest of the winter.

The Gazette weather service thermometers at Kaufmann's corner, at the following hours yesterday, registered:

12 noon	30 deg.	8 p. m.	33 deg.
4 p. m.	34 deg.	12 midnight.	30 deg.

Time of sunrise today.....7:20 a. m.
Time of sunset today.....4:34 p. m.

Daily report for yesterday furnished by the United States weather bureau:

Time.	Bar.	Tem.	Hum.	Wind.	Weather.
8 a. m.	30.10	30	76	N. W.	Snow
8 p. m.	30.03	32	70	S. W.	Clear

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 17:

	1901	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896
Maximum	18	58	48	43	52	40
Minimum	13	18	28	57	50	22
Mean	15	38	38	40	41	31
Precipitation	.02	.02	0	.11	.22	0

Maximum temperature (4 p. m.).....34
Minimum temperature (7 a. m.).....30
Mean temperature.....32
Normal temperature (for 31 years).....33
Deficiency in temperature for the day.....1
Deficiency in temperature since Dec. 1.....3
Excess in temperature since Jan. 1.....173
Normal precipitation (for 31 years).....7
Deficiency in precipitation for the day.....00
Excess in precipitation since December 1.....34
Deficiency in precipitation since Jan. 1.....4.77

Government Weather Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Forecast:

Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia—Fair Thursday; fresh to brisk west winds. Friday fair.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 p. m.:

Cincinnati	38	Clear	Huron	12	Clear
Parkersb'g	36	Clear	Washington	34	Clear
St. Louis	40	Clear	Jacksonville	48	Clear
Cairo	42	Clear	Norfolk	44	Clear
Kansas Cy.	34	Clear	Philadelp'a	4	Clear
Memphis	46	Clear	New York	34	Clear
Louisville	40	Clear	Buffalo	30	Cloudy
Chicago	28	Clear	Cleveland	34	Pt. Cldy
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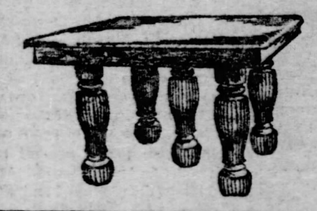

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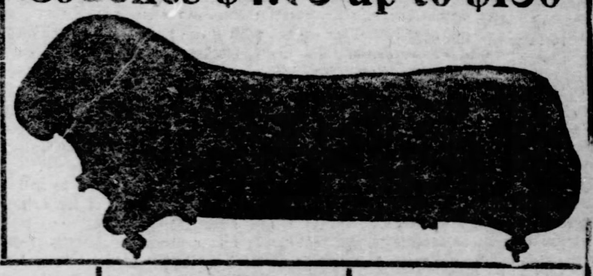

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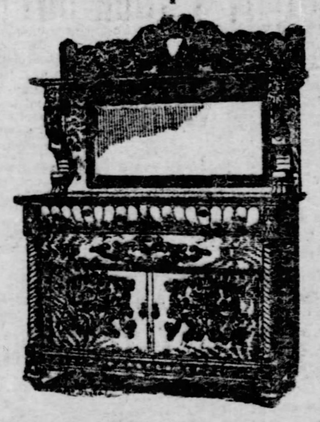

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1902.

SIXTEEN PAGES.

There is an apparent end to the Venezuelan trouble, unless the European powers or Castro, personally, are intractably unreasonable. The settlement is made possible by the patriotic attitude of the business men of Caracas, who volunteer to undertake the raising of funds to meet their country's immediate obligations and to endeavor to devise guarantees for the future that will be acceptable. They name Minister Bowen of the United States as the agent for effecting a settlement.

All of this important information is conveyed in a note addressed to President Castro, advising him that the moment has come to yield to force, as Venezuela is absolutely helpless to offer resistance to the overwhelming power opposed to her. The note is eloquent of patriotic devotion and there can be hardly a doubt that Castro will promptly accept the suggestion. Minister Bowen's acts since the trouble began are sufficient guarantee that he will undertake the negotiation.

As for Germany, Great Britain and the lesser powers which have undertaken the coercion, they cannot reject such a proposition without violating every principle of fairness and subjecting themselves to the suspicion that their professed respect for the Monroe doctrine is not sincere. Hence it may be assumed this move on the part of the Caracas business men is the beginning of the end of the imbroglio. Incidentally, it may be said that Minister Bowen's part throughout the proceedings has been of a kind to secure a better standing for the country he represents throughout South America.

Yesterday's hearing before the strike commission developed two incidents that have a direct bearing upon the questions at issue. First, counsel for the operators conveyed the information that the fathers of two of the young factory girls, whose testimony was heard a few days ago, were paid $1,400 and $1,600, respectively, last year. Miners' counsel met this with the declaration that the sums named included the pay of the miners' laborers, and so represented the yearly wages of from four to six men. Judge Gray gave the operators time to explain, remarking that if an effort has been made to deceive the commission it will act to prejudice the operators' case. In face of this Attorney Wolverton gave notice he would undertake to prove that anthracite wages are better than the wages of soft coal miners and that they are better than 300 classes of skilled and unskilled labor in manufacturing establishments in the state. These offerings touch upon the meat of the controversy, so the commission may feel it is making progress.

The evidence elicited by the strike commission in regard to child labor has had the effect of drawing attention to the matter that may have practical results. The fathers of the two little girls who testified that they worked at night in the silk mills have promised to take them from the mills, and Judge Gray has suggested that state legislation in regard to child labor should be improved. The laws of the state provide that children shall be sent to school and not to the mill or workshop, and if they are not enforced they should be amended so that they shall be effective.

The urgency appropriation of $50,000 asked for the payment of quarantine guards is another reminder of the costliness of delay in completing the municipal hospital. Unless cases of contagious disease can be removed to the hospital, a house quarantine is the alternative, and that is far more expensive. Sound economy would have counseled prompt hospital equipment instead of wrangling and delay.

Writing in the Independent, Dr. Woolsey, professor of international law at Yale university, remarks that there are precedents for the Venezuela case in all its features. In 1854 our own government bombarded Greytown, in Nicaragua, and in 1875 Great Britain seized Corinto, in Nicaragua, to compel the settlement of claims. Dr. Woolsey holds that such proceedings are justifiable and even salutary. "Where revolutions are frequent and a constitutional president is but too often an unconstitutional dictator, the sense of national responsibility must in whatever way, be driven home into the Latin-American mind." If the process is hurtful to our interests then we must prevent the giving of provocation by the South American states. Dr. Woolsey remarks in conclusion: "Somebody must be responsible. It is they or we." This is exactly the view which has been taken by The Gazette. If the Monroe doctrine is to stand we must do police duty and keep order in Central and South America.

The annual report of the interstate commerce commission remarks that "the tendency to combine continues to be the most significant feature of railway development." It may be added that a great impetus to this tendency was given by the anti-pooling provision of the interstate commerce law. At the time it was passed the railroads were trying to check rate-cutting and discrimination by a system of pool control, administered by commissioners to whom all freight shipments were reported. Mr. Albert Fink, who organized the system, held that in the long run the volume of traffic handled by any road depended upon its location and facilities, and by a fixed apportionment of business, stability of rates could be maintained. Whether or not the theory was well founded, it is certainly the case that a system of control was being built up exposed in all its details to public supervision. The radical provisions of the interstate law cut up the system by the roots, and inasmuch as the railroads were forbidden to co-operate concentration of ownership became the only feasible course to pursue to end rate-cutting. The commission now frankly admits that the law has not been a success. Its history illustrates the wisdom of President Roosevelt's apothegm that "insistence upon the impossible means delay in achieving the possible."

While the Democratic city committee was not unanimous a large majority of members favored fusion with the Citizens party in the approaching city campaign. Accordingly, there will be a conference committee. Under any circumstances this may be regarded as the wisest view the Democrats can take. Alone they could accomplish nothing. Their strength in Pittsburgh is not even equal to the task of effecting good as a minority, for that function can be performed only by a party that can menace the success of the opposition. In Pittsburgh a third party has been necessary to loosen the hold of a machine that was bi-partisan in its operations. That having been accomplished, it is time for the majority party to resume the reins of government, under the proper constitutional limitations and a decent regard for the public welfare. Until the majority can be unified on such lines, however, the best the Democracy can do is to cling to its alliance with the best element of Republicanism.

TRADE SUPREMACY STRUGGLE.

It has not been many years ago since the extension of commerce was regarded as the best guarantee of the world's peace. That was the doctrine which Cobden preached incessantly and was one of the strongest arguments by which he advocated free trade. From 1848 to 1851 a series of international peace congresses were held at which much eloquence was expended in showing how free trade would bring the nations of the world into closer and more lasting relations of peace and friendship with each other, so that a general reduction of armaments could be accomplished. At that period hopes were high of the advent of an industrial millennium, but since then conditions have changed so completely that it seems as if an epoch had intervened instead of a few decades. Instead of being reduced, national armament has vastly increased and is still fast increasing. As commercial interests expand national responsibilities expand with them, and the means of sustaining those responsibilities absorb the thoughts and energies of statesmen. Never was so much expenditure made upon national defense as now when commercial interest dominates national policy.

The fallacy of the free trade doctrine was that it regarded the world as one community, dominated by economic motives and free to assume such groupings of population as might be determined by economic interests. But there are such things as national interests, national needs and aspirations, which are apt to be conflicting. Each nation is looking after its own interests and decides its policy upon practical considerations. When the population of Germany overflows its bounds it is no satisfaction for her to know that the operation of economic motives will impel them to other countries. She wants to keep them herself, and so she adopts a policy aimed at the development of her own resources so as to furnish them with an economic motive to stay at home, or if they must go away she desires that they shall go where their industry shall be of the highest incidental benefit to her. Germany is mentioned simply because of the rapidity which her industrial importance has been advanced. The flood of emigration to this country has subsided, and the present movement of German emigration is an aggrandizement of distinctively German interests.

National interest everywhere guides national policy. The spread of commercial interests is dominated by the expansion of national interests, and these can be safeguarded only by fleets and armies. As the nations of Europe find their own national resources inadequate to the pressure of their population, they turn their eyes to other quarters of the world for new regions to exploit. Africa has been parceled, Asia is undergoing a similar process, and longing looks are being cast upon the vast unutilized resources of South America. Expansion of national activities will unquestionably be the dominant characteristic of the present century, and the nation which through feebleness or incompetency falls behind in the struggle will find itself in a weak and subordinate position. It is a case of the survival of the fittest.

ENGLAND VS. GERMANY.

It is natural that Germany should resent the attempt to make her the scapegoat in the Venezuela matter that pictures the English governmental John Bull as a nice, amiable old gentleman, who has been misled into a bad business from which he would be or ought to be glad to extricate himself. English public opinion, friendly to the United States, paints such a picture, and it has been reproduced in this country. But, as was pointed out in The Gazette yesterday, the picture misrepresents the real state of affairs. The English government was not led into the Venezuelan matter blindfolded, and it has proceeded all along with its eyes wide open, in advance rather than the rear of Germany. The German foreign office now very properly points out that the bombardment of Puerto Cabello and the blowing up of the fortifications there was a British act in which Germans were mere participants as loyal allies of the British. This is the fact and it ought not to be forgotten. Nevertheless this British unofficial misrepresentation is not entirely unwelcome, for it shows a state of British public feeling that is an excellent guarantee that the government will adhere to its declared intention to scrupulously respect the Monroe doctrine. All Britons, whether Saxons or Celts, look on the people of the United States and their government as friends and suspect and dislike the kaiser and Germany. Therefore the German alliance against Venezuela is unpopular and is looked upon as playing the game of an enemy of Britain for a very small return, with the attendant risk of losing the immensely valuable asset of American friendship through the strain to which the Monroe doctrine may be subjected. Whether the concerted action can be maintained in the face of this British opposition is in some measure doubtful. Americans, however, while glad of the friendship disclosed by British pressure against the alliance, must not forget that it was the agents of the British government, inspired by the same old Rule Britannia sentiment, who began the shooting at Puerto Cabello, and not the agents of Germany. And perhaps Germans will remember later that it was this almost causeless act that invited the Venezuelan bullet that sent a German naval officer to his long account.

It is worth noting in this connection that the action of the British government is denounced in Canada, and there, as in England, public opinion represents the imperial authorities as having been misled into playing the game of the nephew of King Edward. For example, the Toronto Telegram, in a cartoon, represents a glum-looking John Bull standing at his shop door, with the kaiser before him, reading the shop sign: "John Bull, Assistant Bailiff to W. Hohenzollern, Debt Collecting Agent." And John is made to say: "Oh, I ain't much in love with this bailiff job, and I ain't much in love with my pal in this here debt-collectin' expedition."

The Telegram, under the heading, "Small Game," prints the following as its leading editorial.

Britain may have been driven into union with Germany for joint action against Venezuela by strong imperial reasons. The reasons would have to be particularly strong and excessively imperial to satisfy the Canadians who can see neither profit nor glory in the spectacle of British warships helping Germany to play the part of bailiff towards Venezuela. The debt, which is the immediate cause of all the trouble amounts to $86,000, and Canadians would sooner take up a popular subscription to pay off Britain's claim that see their beloved empire helping to establish German power in South America.

If the public sentiment of England and the greater England beyond seas is influential with the British government it will have to seize the first convenient excuse for a retreat, though in doing so it cannot decently blame Germany for anything that has happened, for the Germans have been, as a matter of fact, more considerate of the proprieties than the English.

DISCREDITABLE TO THE POLICE.

According to the police, the two Diamond street resorts, exposed by The Gazette, have closed themselves. When officers were sent by the superintendent to close the places they found them closed and abandoned. In a way that saves trouble for the police and presumably for the "speakeasy" managers. The superintendent says further that he has ordered his officers to keep the places closed. That is a good idea if carried out, but how does the superintendent expect his men who could not discover the places, until The Gazette exposed them, to be able to tell whether they reopen or not? Probably he thinks if they cannot find out some one will tell them again.

It is notable, however, that in the face of the exposition made the police have not found or closed any of the dives that have not been exposed. They must be waiting for the divekeepers to come in and notify them that they are running disorderly houses that ought to be attended to. Or else they are waiting for The Gazette to proceed with other exposures that will cause the proprietors to follow the example of those on Diamond street, shut up their places and disappear without annoyance to the department of public safety. These are rather easy ways to shirk a plain duty, but the police bureau has confessed incompetence by making the plea of ignorance of the character of the places written up by The Gazette, so there need be no surprise because it is inactive.

Meantime good citizens are aroused to a sense of the evils existing. A series of interviews in another part of this paper show what the people think of the inefficient police protection afforded the public and also the high opinion evoked by The Gazette's fearless disclosures. Public sentiment all favors The Gazette, and the hope is expressed by many that it will continue the good work of giving publicity to the unenviable state of affairs. Nearly all understand that it is the business of the police to ferret out such places and suppress them by the strong arm of the law, and they deem it equally discreditable that the bureau should be unaware of the facts or unwilling to take action when the facts are known.

MEXICO'S FINANCIAL REDEMPTION

It is not surprising that Mexico should seek to reorganize her monetary system and thus eliminate the narrow and crippling influence of silver as a basis for her financial operations. It is only within recent years that the advantages of Mexico as a place for investment came to be appreciated. There has been a well-grounded fear in the minds of northern investors that the country was too uncertain in its political status to afford a safe field for investment, though the potential resources of the territory have long been recognized. In the past few years this feeling has been superseded by one of greater confidence. Under the wise leadership of President Diaz there has come to Mexico a political and industrial revolution which is attracting attention and inviting the confidence of capital. It is in commerce and in the exploitative industries that the greatest opportunities are offered for investment in Mexico, and these have been and continue to be greatly retarded by the fluctuating conditions of Mexican currency. Most of Mexico's large commercial houses are under foreign control, principally German, French and Spanish, each nation being dominant in certain lines of trade. The Americans who have gone to Mexico have not taken to commerce, preferring industrial investments. Still, there are some large American banking houses, and most of the machinery used in Mexico comes from the United States. Railway transportation both by steam and electricity is managed by English and American capital.

It is in the natural industries, however, that the largest hope of the future lies in the new era of development and expansion that has come to our southern neighbor. Mining, the manufacture of fibre from the maguey and all lines of tropical agriculture offer exceptional opportunities for the investment of capital under certain conditions. Mexico is alive to the necessities of her new position and is endeavoring to put herself in line with the progress of which she is capable by all the means in her power. The change of her monetary basis is regarded by her leading statesmen as one of the indispensable steps in this direction. Mexico is not politically stirred up to antagonize free silver. Industrially, commercially and as a means of moving out of the shadows in which she has so long dwelt she believes this step to be all important and a controlling factor toward the prosperity that she hopes is not far in the future.

The enemies of the statehood bill will hardly go so far as to buy red lemonade for a jollification over its defeat as long as Senator Quay continues active on the firing line.

Tom Johnson is said to be automobiling in Kentucky. We thought Tom had had quite enough of the automobile business to last him for awhile.

While debt collecting is fashionable the United States sees no harm in gently reminding Korea of that little outstanding item of $1,500,000.

Publicity of the kind The Gazette is dealing in with reference to the vice dens is a fine stimulant for weak eyesight among the police.

The combination problem that is uppermost in many minds is how to merge 10 Christmas presents into the price of two.

So far Mr. Bryan has not signified his purpose of traveling as a missionary to the benighted regions of Mexico.

The jokes that men perpetrate live after them seems to be especially true in the case of poor Tom Reed.

HOPE IN TUNNEL FOR COMMUTERS

Jersey Folk, Who Daily Join New York's Maelstrom, See Death of Ferry.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Herald Building, Herald Square,
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.

Having granted a franchise for a tunnel under the North river, the New York board of aldermen does not know exactly what it is to be used for. At least, that is the way it looks today. The tunnel company says that it will be used only for a trolley line, but popular rumor is that it will give an entrance into New York city for the Erie and Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroads. It is not clear just what is to be done with the tunnel, although the tunnel company today, in a formal statement explains that it expects to transfer passengers of the Erie and Lackawanna roads to Manhattan—presumably in trolley cars. The people of New York that use the two railroads care little how they get into New York, provided there is some better way of carrying them than on the old tubs of ferryboats in use at present. Commuters living in various parts of New Jersey, numbering hundreds of thousands, look forward to each winter with dread, for the ferry service is always a doubtful quantity when such weather conditions as those of the last week or two prevail. So little faith has the Erie in its ferry service that every winter when ice is in the river it prints announcements which are stuck up in the railroad depots, that the company will not promise to hold trains to connect with the boats from the Twenty-third street, New York. Of course, the company cannot be blamed for ice in the river, but the commuter who misses his dinner through a slow ferryboat, or is an hour or so late at the office in the morning from the same cause, does not discriminate. He simply swears at the company. If it is true that the tunnel will be used for the convenience of the passengers on the two railroads mentioned, there will be general thanksgiving from multitudes of long-suffering suburbanites, to say nothing of "through" passengers, who look upon the ferry ride as the most disagreeable, and often dangerous part of the journey, in winter.

When Greek Meets Greek.

One of the most prominent lawyers of Pittsburgh, A. V. D. Watterson, who was on the witness stand today in the liggar case, combed down the cross-examining counsel in good style. In answer to a rather involved question Mr. Watterson told counsel he could not answer it, because it was put in such a foolish way. Sympathy seemed to be with the witness, for the jury smiled, while the audience in the body of the court roared.

Still Pleasure of Anticipation.

"Heidelberg," the English adaptation of a German comedy, which was announced for production at the Princess theater on Monday, but was postponed to tonight, has been put off until tomorrow night. Those connected with the production promise wonderful entertainment, and playgoers are on the qui vive—according to the press agent.

Sunshine Brings Out Shoppers.

New York has great recuperative power in some respects. Yesterday was the kind of day when one would almost rather commit suicide than live. It was one of the most wretchedly wet, cold and slushy days ever seen here. Today opened with the sun shining, a clear, mild atmosphere and everything smiling, with the streets as clean as in a dry spell in mid-summer. Shoppers were out in legions, and the department stores have had one of the busiest 12 hours of the season to date.

Holiday Hands Out Tobies.

Although the Pittsburgh stogie (or "toby," to use the Iron City vernacular), has long been popular in New York, and there are many cigar stores which make a specialty of it smokers seem to think that the "toby" brought direct from Pittsburgh has a better flavor than any to be bought in a New York store. Mr. Holliday, Pittsburgh's postmaster, dropped into The Gazette bureau a night or two ago, and handed a real "toby" to a Pittsburgher exiled in New York. The recipient's enjoyment of that long roll of pure tobacco was a comforting thing to see. "Never can get one like this," he mumbled, as he smoked without going to Pittsburgh, or meeting some one just from the dear old city."

Mayor Low Still Cogitates.

Politicians are still on tenterhooks while Mayor Low is considering whom he shall appoint as successor of Police Commissioner Partridge. The mayor says he has not yet made up his mind, but that he has several names under consideration. The difficulty seems to be that the man the mayor would like doesn't want it, while the man that wants it does not suit the mayor. It may be after Christmas before a new police commissioner is appointed.

Hypnotism Saves Woman's Honor.

The Biddle boys' tragedy will be presented in dramatic form at the Grand opera house in this city next week. From the synopsis of the plot that has come to hand, it looks as if the dramatist has merely turned into dialogue and stage "business" the story of the Biddle brothers as it is familiar to every one, except that he makes the warden's wife the victim of hypnotism and united her with the husband in the last act, through the pathetic intervention of their little daughter. It will be interesting to note what the Pittsburgh prototypes of the characters in the play think of themselves when they see the production, if ever they do.

Newspapers Reach Jerome's Thin Skin.

The gambling raids of December occupied considerable time in the courts today. The private detective, Jacobs, told the story of his visit to Canfield's, which has been published already. Ex-Gov. Black appeared as counsel for two of the men charged with violating the gambling laws. The sensational feature of the whole business was the declaration of Jerome that he would demand the arrest of managing editors of papers that had ridiculed his work against gambling. On the other hand, there was a rumor that Gov. Odell would be asked by someone to remove Jerome from the office of district attorney. From all that can be learned tonight it seems as if Jerome is safe in his job, and that he will not interfere with his newspaper critics except verbally.

Plague Monster Frightens Gotham.

Notwithstanding that a vessel from Durban with bubonic plague on board has been in the harbor since Monday, Dr. Doty, health officer of this port, says there is no possible chance of the plague reaching shore. The ship, the Saxon Prince, went to sea today to discharge the water and sand ballast taken on at Durban. When it returns its passengers and crew will be taken off at quarantine and placed on Hoffman island to remain 10 days, while the vessel will be thoroughly disinfected. No doubt these measures will be effective, but the very name of the plague is enough to strike terror to the hearts of people brought within seeing distance of the ship on which it exists.

Munsey Hides His Light.

Frank Munsey, who owns newspapers in New York and elsewhere, besides a magazine, is a modest man. In a speech he made before the Merchants' club of Boston last night, and which is printed in full in his paper here today, he said that a man in journalism "must have a keen literary sense, a keen news sense, must know affairs, must be warmly in touch with human nature, must be ably equipped on public questions, and in addition must be a business man, the equal of the giants in finance and other great enterprises." Then Mr. Munsey went on to say that he was "not that kind of man," that he "had not the stature by 1,000 feet." This sort of self-depreciation is common enough among newspaper men, but if Mr. Munsey were in the theatrical business, for instance, he would have smiled gracefully and murmured: "And there are only a few of us left." That is the difference between journalism and theatricals.

Paradox-Fuel Famine Causes Fires.

In some parts of New York, notably on Staten Island, there have been more fires than usual at this time of year, most of them caused by conditions induced by the coal famine. Families that could not obtain coal are obliged to burn wood, and defective flues become more dangerous than ever when there is a wood fire in the fireplace. The increase in the number of fires is one of the most threatening of the many ills arising from the scarcity of coal.

Proud Day for Postmaster.

There was a $1,000,000 day in the New York postoffice yesterday, and the postmaster is inclined to feel gratified over it, notwithstanding that it tested his whole force to the very limit of endurance and ability. He thinks he should have that up-town postoffice as soon as it can be built, and with a business of $1,000,000 a day, even only occasionally, he certainly has logic on his side.

Applause Amid Suffering.

The eagerness to see Dr. Lorenz reduce his dislocations by his famous "bloodless" treatment is becoming more intense from day to day. When he operated today at the Post Graduates hospital there was the largest assemblage of spectators of the week. Besides 350 doctors, there were 40 nurses from various hospitals in the city, a dozen or so fashionably-dressed young women, who may have been physicians or surgeons, and a miscellaneous two dozen of people on the roof, who watched him through ventilators. The room was packed to suffocation, and the surgeon had only just space enough in which to work. But it was a great spectacle for surgeons, and none of them seemed to mind the discomforts of the crowded room so long as they could see Mr. Lorenz work and hear his clear explanations as he went on. And yet, to a layman, the hard-clapping when the surgeon entered the room and again when he had successfully finished an operation, seemed somewhat out of place. To a doctor an operating room is only what it is called, however, a "theater."

Trying to Avenge Fish's Death.

One of the sensational criminal trials of the winter, that of Thomas K. Sharkey charged with the killing of the millionaire, Nicholas Fish, began this morning. The charge is manslaughter in the first degree. The deed was a very ordinary one, as it is described by the prosecution—merely the knocking down of the victim outside a saloon, after a quarrel, such as might arise in any drinking bout. The prominence of the slain man makes the case sensational, however, and there is every indication that the case will be bitterly fought on both sides. A jury was obtained on this, the first day, and the prosecution opened its case, after a vain attempt on the part of the astute counsel for the defense, "Abe" Levy, to obtain another postponement. Levy is regarded as one of the ablest criminal lawyers in the city. It was he that saved from the death chair the young Pittsburgh artist, Kearns, who killed his sweetheart, while walking along Sixth avenue, a few years ago.

Sentence Doled Out for Charity.

Magistrates of this city, as in any other, are accustomed to being brought face to face with human misery. When it presents itself to them outside the court room it seems to make a deeper impression than when met in the regular course of business. A man met Magistrate Cornell just outside Jefferson market court this morning and asked for something to eat. The magistrate called his probation officer, told him to take the man to a restaurant, and, after he had had a meal, to bring him into court. This was done, and the man ate as if starved. He told the magistrate that he had been out all night in the rain, and was wet through. The magistrate sent him to the Island for three months, so that he will have food and warmth for the winter.

Mayor Low Likes New Tombs.

Mayor Low went through the new Tombs prison today, and pronounced it very good. It was the occasion of formal inspection, and there were other dignitaries walking through the building beside the mayor. The prisoners will not take possession until January 1. They are fairly comfortable where they are in the old prison, but the new one is a beauty, especially as regards ventilation and sanitary arrangements.

GEORGE C. JENKS.

Pittsburghers in Gotham.

The following Pittsburghers are registered at the New York hotels today:

WALDORF-ASTORIA.
Mrs. W. R. Proctor. W. L. Jones.
W. N. Orr. W. L. King.
D. W. Collins. H. S. McKee.

NAVARRE.
C. F. Foss, J. M. Wells.

MARLBOROUGH.
J. F. Tuttle

IMPERIAL.
J. B. Smythe. V. H. Schwart.
Mrs. J. R. Smythe. Mrs. V. H. Schwart.
R. G. Larrung.

GRAND.
F. H. Ortman. J. Albert.

HOLLAND.
A. M. Harper. J. F. Byers.
A. O. Fording. P. A. Lange.
Mrs. A. O. Fording. Misses Jutte.

VICTORIA.
M. Silverman. J. F. Kiel.
C. A. Birkle.

ALBEMARLE.
Mrs. W. Snell. G. T. Braden.
D. G. Watson.

FIFTH AVENUE.
E. Noble. W. H. Rodd.

HERALD SQUARE.
L. Goldman. G. Waldron.
W. J. Webster.

CADILLAC.
C. Wiedman.

EVERETT.
C. Whybrow.

BROADWAY CENTRAL.
R. B. Gardiner. L. W. Jones.
B. Catley.

ASTOR.
J. C. Heckman. I. M. Peet.

YALE TO GET SHARE OF CARNEGIE MONEY

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The departments of psychology and paleontology of Yale will receive annual grants from the endowment fund of $10,000,000 recently given by Andrew Carnegie to the new Carnegie institute at Washington, the income of which is to be distributed among American universities and colleges. The paleontological department will use its income for original research by Dr. J. L. Wortman in vertebrate fossils.

Neighbors Visiting Pittsburgh.

Among those at the leading hotels last night were the following persons from nearby towns:

Monongahela—W. S. Ravenscroft, Ridgway; E. M. Bliss, Leetonia; D. H. Bemis, West Middletown; S. Brownlee, West Alexander; P. E. Brady, Steubenville.

Griswold—M. R. Lowther, Parkersburg; V. W. Kelly, Beverly; John C. Neff, Masontown; H. Landon, N. M. Emery, Butler.

Lincoln—F. C. Winship, New Brighton; L. W. Robinson, Punxsutawney.

Victoria—G. F. Pritchard, Connellsville; J. E. Wright, Hamilton.

Anderson—H. P. Knoblock, H. A. McNichol, East Liverpool.

Seventh Avenue—A. D. Deemer, Brookville; J. R. Steele, Steubenville; Alexander Richardson, New Castle; A. B. Barry, Brownsville; J. P. Mack, Indiana; C. H. Forry, Hanover; J. G. Dawson, Parkersburg.

Duquesne—G. A. Ferguson, Shinston; S. A. L. Marshall, Jamestown; R. B. Alford, Blairsville; S. A. Davis, C. H. Sloan, Vandergrift.

Henry—G. C. Murphy, Joseph G. Lee, W. W. Hunker, H. J. Taylor, East Liverpool; L. E. Mallory, Jr., D. B. Olney, Bradford; J. S. Cunningham, Johnstown; A. C. Jobes, Claysville.

Newells—Thomas H. Butcher, Wheeling; G. A. Beckley, Altoona; C. E. Bellont, Fairmont; M. A. Barr, Punxsutawney; J. L. Truxell, Coshocton; F. W. Wagner, Bradford.

PERSONALS

John McCord, who has almost reached the age of three-score-and-ten, patiently awaited in Union station the train that was to take him to the National Soldiers' home in Dayton last night. He was born in 1826, in one of the Cathedral towns of England, and came to this city in early youth. Shortly after the civil war broke out he enlisted in the Fourteenth Pennsylvania cavalry, and for three years followed the guidon of his regiment. One of his brothers died on the charge up Marye's heights, at Fredericksburg, and another brother gave up his life for his adopted country on the plains below South mountain. A third brother died from exposure due to service with the army of the Potomac. When the civil war broke out Mr. McCord was engaged as a blacksmith. "I am going home to rest now," he said last night, "and when they sound taps for me, I know my old comrades will greet me at muster." Mr. McCord has lived in Twenty-seventh street, South Side, for several years past.

Sheikh Audi of Ramallah, Palestine, will arrive in Pittsburgh tomorrow or Saturday to deliver lectures in Presbyterian churches. The sheikh conducted a party of Pittsburgh clergymen, consisting of the Rev. S. Edward Young of the Second Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh; the Rev. A. H. Jolly of the Concord church, and the Rev. Jesse L. Cotton of Coraopolis, through the Holy Land last spring. In his lectures here Sheikh Audi will discuss "Domestic Bedouin and Fellaheen Life in Palestine." The sheikh owns and runs a hotel in Jericho and another in Wales. His time is divided between these two places. He will remain in Pittsburgh about a week, when he will leave to construct a booth in the St. Louis fair, where he will exhibit oriental goods.

James D. Glover, Charles B. Dell and Dr. Ramage of Carnegie, W. W. Jamison of Charleroi, D. S. Kennedy, William Fisher, Louis Kimmell, Albert Warren and Albert Sunshine went to La Motte, Mo., last night, where they will make an inspection of the La Motte lead and nickle mines. These mines were discovered in 1820, and have been operated sporadically since. The property embraces some 38,000 acres, and has been purchased by a number of Pittsburgh and eastern capitalists.

The mother of Bruce Head, who was shot by Dr. Duncan, at the Wabash camp a short time ago, went to her home in Louisville last night.

George A. Macbeth, president of the Macbeth-Evans Glass Company, went to Indiana last night to inspect the plants of the company.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Col. John W. Johnson.

Col. John Williamson Johnson, aged 82, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died at his home, Kingston House, near Latrobe, Pa., last evening. His death was due to an operation to remove a cataract, which had been performed several months ago. Col. Johnson was prominent in Westmoreland county, having occupied many positions, both in civil and military circles. He was born in the Kingstown house in 1820. He was in business at Clarion until the outbreak of the Mexican war, when he volunteered and was elected captain of the Westmoreland guards, a position which he retained until the close of the war. At the outbreak of the civil war Col. Johnson volunteered and was appointed colonel of the Fourteenth Pennsylvania volunteers. He served under Gen. Patterson with distinction, being in all the important battles fought by the Army of the Potomac. In 1867 Col. Johnson married Miss Rebecca Byerly, who, with two children, Richard Johnson and Mrs. Edward O'Brien, survive him. The colonel was associated with his brother, William C. Johnson, in building the Allegheny Valley railroad. The funeral will be Saturday morning. Interment will be in St. Clair cemetery, Greensburg.

Alexander Kennedy.

Alexander Kennedy, one of the oldest plasterers of Pittsburgh, is dead at his home, No. 5166 Margaretta street, East End. He was 80 years of age and worked at his trade until a week ago, when he caught a slight cold. Three days ago pneumonia set in, causing his death at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Kennedy was born in Scotland, and with his parents removed to Ireland when a child. He came to this country over 60 years ago and settled at Stone Valley, Huntingdon county, where he remained 10 years. He afterwards removed to Johnstown and left that place in 1887, shortly before the flood, and came to Pittsburgh, where he has since lived. Mr. Kennedy was a member of the Fourth United Presbyterian church of Pittsburgh and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nancy Kennedy, and four sons—J. S. and A. T., of Pittsburgh, S. G. of McKeesport and J. R. of Johnstown. His remains will be taken to Huntingdon, Pa., for interment Friday morning.

Henry Uhrich.

Henry Uhrich, aged 72 years, died yesterday at his home in McKeesport from dropsy and asthma. Mr. Uhrich came to McKeesport from Germany 50 years ago and had resided there ever since. He is survived by his widow and five children: Mrs. J. W. Butler and Mrs. F. J. King of Monessen, Mrs. F. Hague of McKeesport and Jacob and Henry Uhrich.

Thomas L. Murdock.

Word was received here yesterday of the death of Thomas L. Murdock, a member of the Tenth United States marine corps, in a hospital at Zamboanga, Philippine Islands, on December 17. He was 28 years old and was an only son, his mother, a widow, now residing in Avalon. Murdock had served in both the army and navy.

Isaac Half.

Isaac Half died at his home, No. 1125 Euclid avenue, East End, at a late hour Tuesday night of pneumonia. He was 60 years old and was born in Germany. He was a member of the Rodeph Shalom congregation and is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters.

Funeral of Edwin E. Little.

Funeral services over the remains of Edwin Ebbert Little will be held at his late home, No. 5310 Westminster street, East End, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Obituary Notes.

Mrs. Mary E. Bulloch, widow of the late Dr. W. S. Bulloch, who was a relative of President Roosevelt, died at Savannah, Ga., yesterday.

Mrs. Amelia W. Schoeb, 71 years old, wife of Jacob Schoeb, is dead of pneumonia at her home, No. 1615 Chartiers street, Allegheny. Several children survive.

Mrs. Mary Dyer Barr, 73 years old, widow of James B. Barr, a former merchant of Pittsburgh, is dead at the home of her son-in-law, S. B. Sleeth, No. 301 Welsh avenue, Wilmerding. Three children survive.

Dr. A. W. Hoon, 25 years old, is dead at his home, No. 4 Blackadore avenue. He was a graduate of Jefferson college and about six months ago came here from Mercer, Pa. His parents, six brothers and two sisters survive.

Miss Elizabeth Evans, 62 years old, is dead at her home, No. 13 Shingiss street, where she had lived over 50 years. She was a member of the Third United Presbyterian church and is survived by two sisters and one brother.

Col. Abraham Fulkerson, former congressman from the Ninth Virginia district, is dead at Bristol, Tenn., aged 79. He was a colonel in the confederate army, and organized the first company of confederate infantry to go from East Tennessee.

The death of Henry Mall at Clark, removed one of the oldest citizens of Mercer county. He was formerly a resident of Pittsburgh and enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-third Pennsylvania volunteers, at the outbreak of the civil war.

M. A. HANNA'S NEPHEW MAY GO TO SENATE

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 17.—The Cass county legislative delegation met here and enthusiastically resolved to support L. B. Hanna for United States senator. He is a banker and a nephew of Senator Hanna of Ohio. Cass county members assert that he is the only candidate upon whom the factions can unite.

Sixty-Three Die from Cold.

VIENNA, Dec. 17.—According to dispatches from Hungary, 63 persons were frozen to death there during the last three days. Wolves are devastating the sheep folds and have devoured three shepherds.

ALL SPEAK WELL OF OUR MR. KNOX

Democrats Join in Giving Him Money to Investigate Trust Question.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Room 10, Postal Building,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.

An amendment providing $500,000 for the department of justice, to enable Attorney General Knox to carry out the provisions of the anti-trust law, was inserted in the legislative appropriation bill today by the house without division after some debate, in which Mr. Knox was the recipient of a handsome tribute of confidence by Mr. Bartlett, the Democratic representative from Georgia. Mr. Bartlett offered an amendment when the items for the department of justice were reported to appropriate $250,000 to enable the attorney general to prosecute the violators of the anti-trust law.

Mr. Overstreet of Indiana said the judiciary committee has two anti-trust bills now before it appropriating money for this purpose. Mr. Hepburn of Iowa proposed as a substitute for Mr. Bartlett's amendment the bill he presented the opening day of the session, carrying $500,000, to give the attorney general what is needed to investigate cases and take action on them where the present Sherman law is found to be violated.

Mr. Bartlett agreed to the substitute and took occasion to say that he wished not to be understood as reflecting in any way on Mr. Knox; on the contrary that he believed in his sterling integrity and honesty and that he had a copy of Mr. Knox's Pittsburgh speech which he had a mind to read to get it in the record so it could go before the country broadcast. The speech was an admirable one, he said.

Acheson Presents Liquor Question.

Representative Acheson placed before the house today a resolution adopted at the Presbyterian general assembly held last May in New York protesting against the sale of liquor in government buildings, army posts and immigrant stations. The resolution was forwarded to Mr. Acheson by the Rev. John F. Hill, secretary of the permanent committee on temperance of the general assembly. It represents that the petition voices the sentiment of 1,000,000 members and 4,000,000 adherents. The force of it is now directed toward the abolition of liquor selling in the restaurants of the capitol building and at immigrant stations, in view of the immigration bill now pending in the senate, and against any move or disposition to restore the canteen at army posts.

Senator Quay Tired Out.

Senator Quay was not well today and left the capitol early for his home. He is tired out and is thinking of spending the holidays at his place in Florida, but has not yet decided to go. W. F. Wright, the senator's secretary, has been called to Sacramento, Cal., by the serious illness of his father. During the holiday recess Senator Penrose will attend the legislative matters of interest to Pennsylvania.

Visitors from Pennsylvania

FATAL CRASH OF FREIGHT TRAINS

One Man Is Killed and Six Injured in P. V. & C. Wreck.

ANOTHER VICTIM MAY DIE

Track Was Torn Up, Traffic Blocked for Eight Hours and Cars and Engines Destroyed in a Head-On Collision.

In a head-on collision between freight trains on the Redstone branch of the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railroad yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock, one man was killed and six others, all railroaders, were injured. Five victims of the wreck were brought to the West Penn hospital last evening about 6 o'clock.

The dead:

JOHN M'COY, engineer, 48 years old, of No. 2708 Cobden street, South Side.

The injured:

GEORGE GRAY, fireman, of Pittsburgh, left foot cut off above the ankle and badly scalded about the body; condition critical.

DAVID PATTERSON, engineer, 28 years old, of West Brownsville, wound on left knee and cut on forehead; will recover.

JOHN MARTIN, brakeman, 25 years old, of Arlington avenue, South Side, nose broken and face scalded; wounds dressed and sent home.

CHARLES WOODY, brakeman, 28 years old, of Second street, California, Pa., contusion of knee and shoulders.

W. H. SERGEANT, fireman, of West Brownsville, internally injured and crushed.

I. C. CAMPBELL, flagman, of Brownsville, scalded and crushed.

The accident occurred about one mile from West Brownsville junction, between freight No. 198, in charge of Engineer McCoy and Fireman Gray, and freight No. 1289, in charge of Engineer Patterson.

The trains were running at high speed and before the men in the engines had a chance to jump the crash came, and they were caught in the wreckage.

Train No. 1289 consisted of an engine and four box cars. No. 198 was heavily loaded and the engines and all the cars of both trains were almost reduced to splinters. The cars and engines were piled upon each other and the road was blocked until 9 o'clock last night. The tracks for a considerable distance were also torn up. The wrecking crew from Brownsville were called out as soon as the wreck was reported, and began clearing the tracks.

Physicians were summoned from Brownsville and the injuries of the men attended to until a train could be taken to the scene of the wreck and the injured brought to the hospital. Engineer McCoy died shortly after being admitted. His body was turned over to Undertaker Samson, after being viewed by a deputy coroner. Fireman Gray's injuries are considered critical, and late last night he was still unconscious at the hospital. Nothing was known as to the responsibility for the collision last night, and the blame will not be placed until the coroner's investigation.

Centenarian Under the Vaccine Quill

After living 105 years without any serious illness, Mrs. Catherine Perry was vaccinated yesterday and her home in Wood street, Homestead, was placed under quarantine. Mrs. Perry is colored, and still retains her strength and vigor to such a degree that she manages a boarding house. Yesterday Thomas Alexander, a boarder, 25 years old, was taken from the house with a virulent case of smallpox. Seven boarders and Mrs. Perry were vaccinated. Jerry Blacket, colored, was taken from his home in Gold alley suffering with the disease.

SPRINT FOR TRAIN WAS ENDED BY DEATH

Bellevue Resident Tried to Cross Track in Front of Freight—Morgue Cases.

While running across the tracks at the Bellevue station to catch a train to come to his office in the city about 8:15 o'clock yesterday morning, Mark I. Thomas, 36 years old, who lives in Sheridan avenue, Bellevue, was struck by a west-bound train and instantly killed.

Mr. Thomas, for the past 10 years, had been resident manager of the F. W. Dodge Advance Construction Report Company of No. 309 Fourth avenue. His former home was in Reading, a suburban town of Boston, and he brought his family to Bellevue only last week.

He is survived by his widow and two children, a boy and girl, aged 2 and 4 years, respectively. His remains were taken to Boston last night for interment.

Jacob Soles, 9 years old, of Turtle Creek, was run over by a street car in that place yesterday afternoon and died one hour afterward of his injuries in the office of Dr. Thomas Barrett.

Nicholas Carojey of Clarion, 35 years old, was killed by a train on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railroad shortly after 7 o'clock last night. He was walking on the tracks and stepped in front of a train coming in the opposite direction.

Joseph Scott, a laborer, employed at the Greentree tunnel of the Wabash railroad, was crushed to death yesterday morning by a big stone falling upon him. He was 25 years old and lived at the railroad camp.

Joseph Bell, 60 years old, fell dead yesterday morning in front of his home at Hays station. Heart disease is the supposed cause.

Charles Schiffhauer, 15 years old, who was run over by a street car at Butler and Fifty-first streets yesterday morning, died at the West Penn hospital of his injuries last night. He lived at No. 327 Thirty-third street.

WESTINGHOUSE LOSES SUIT ON BRAKE VALVE

New York Court of Appeals Reverses Decision of Lower Court.

By the decision of the United States court of appeals, handed down in New York yesterday, the Westinghouse Airbrake Company of this city loses its case against the New York Airbrake Company involving the "engineer's valve." The first decision rendered by the lower court a few months ago was in favor of the Westinghouse company, but this is now reversed. The court finds that the Westinghouse patents are not the pioneer inventions in the case, and that therefore there can be no infringement, as was claimed.

General Manager E. M. Herr of the Westinghouse Airbrake Company said last night that the decision means that the injunction restricting the New York company from the manufacture of this valve would be dissolved under this decision. He did not know as yet whether the company would appeal the case to the United States supreme court. The case is being handled by patent attorneys of the company in New York. The valve which was the subject of dispute is that in the engine cab by which the engineer operates the air brake. The patent was granted to the Westinghouse company several years ago.

"GORILLA" ROBERTS, WHO HAS A RECORD

S. W. Roberts, alias "Gorilla," who has been arrested in a dozen different cities as a pickpocket and burglar, was committed to the Allegheny county jail yesterday with John Heinz for a hearing Monday on charges of being professional thieves. Informations were made against the two men yesterday by Detectives William Elmore and Albert H. Swinehart. The detectives have been unable to learn much about Heinz's record, but expect to in a few days. Both men were arrested on Tuesday night in Fifth avenue.

TO BE EDUCATED HERE.

Prominent Pittsburgh Chinaman Sends for His Son.

Ching Yee, the Grant street tea merchant, has applied to M. M. Garland, surveyor of the port for assistance in bringing his son, Ching Yee, Jr., to this city. The boy is 17 years old and lives with his mother in Hongkong. According to his father, Yee, Jr., has been graduated from his home schools and wishes to enter college in America.

Ching Yee is perhaps the best known Chinaman in Pittsburgh. He came here 18 years ago and started in the tea and spice business in Grant street. He has great influence among his countrymen here and is considered a good American citizen.

Surveyor Garland turned Ching Yee over to Robert D. Layton, local immigrant inspector, who will prepare papers establishing Ching Yee's status in Pittsburgh and his ability to keep the boy.

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Women's Rings — Gold-filled, in newest setting designs; only, each..... 25c

Children's Rings—Gold-plated, beautifully carved and newest settings; each..... 25c

Brooch Pins — Women's Set Brooches — gold filled; handsome effects; cheap at $1.25; sale price, each..... 48c

Stick Pins — Women's and Men's Solid Gold Stick Pins for Scarfs; 50 different designs with pearl and opal settings; worth $1.50; choice during this sale at, each..... 50c

Hand Bags in Morocco, bright finish or oxidized clasps and chains; chamois lined; worth 75c; sale price, each..... 39c

Bric-a-Brac—This stock is complete with a full line of Bric-a-Brac and Fancy Ware of all descriptions. Thousands of handsome Xmas presents will be found in this department and at prices that will meet your approval.

GREAT SPECIALS IN SILVERWARE!

Knives and Forks—1,000 Sets Double Silver Plated Knives and Forks; consists of 6 Knives and 6 Forks to the set; warranted for 2 years; cheap at $2.50; per set..... $1.00

Spoons—2,000 Sets Double Silver Plated Tea Spoons, 6 Spoons to the set; warranted; at, per set..... 25c

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305-307-309 PENN AVE. AND THIRD ST.

TWO SQUARES FROM SIXTH.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS TILL 10 O'CLOCK.

Great Xmas Values, in Linen Scarfs, Umbrellas and DOLLS!

Scarfs and Squares—Stamped Linen Scarfs and Squares and Irish Point; worth $1.00; each..... 48c

Cords and Tassels, 3 yds. long, in all combinations and solid colors; worth 25c; each..... 12½c

Lambrequins—Fine Silk Lambrequins, fringed, good value at $3.00; each..... $1.98

Shawls — Fine Australian white wool Shawls; umbrella shape; the finest $1.25 Shawl made; each..... 58c

Cushions—Fine Down Cushions, only, each..... 48c

Cushions—Fancy Pin Cushions in all colors; a beautiful assortment at from, each, 98c to..... 10c

Umbrellas—Ladies' and Men's Fine quality Umbrellas in all the new style handles; Gloria and Taffeta Silk Coverings; any size you want; worth from $7.50 to $2.00; choice for this sale, each, $4.98 to..... $1.00

Dolls — Double and Single Jointed Kid Body Dolls; Bisque heads; Sleeping; large size; $1.00 and $2.00 values; sale price, each, 98c and..... 50c

THE GREAT AND GROWING JOYCE STORE IRRESISTIBLE THIS YEAR WITH ITS GRANDER XMAS OPPORTUNITIES.

Sale after sale this Fall astonishing the entire mercantile world of Pittsburgh, is now followed by a holiday triumph unapproached in all the annals of this region. Strangers who have seen the opportunities uptown and then came here and contrasted them with these better attractions could not understand at first how we can undersell "all local creation" so completely. But when they gave the matter a little more thought they realized our position.

We do not have to pay terrific rents, as we own the immense new buildings we recently built and occupy, and have won the patronage which made them possible by getting the goods people want to sell at the figures that will save people money, which perhaps would be impossible were we weighted down with expenses some stores have to pay.

Although the Christmas rush is on in earnest, and customers are bound to see the greatest snaps and pick them up first, you have the satisfaction of knowing that the picking will have to be done fast as an express train travels before such enormous assortments can become exhausted or opportunity grow doubtful. But nevertheless we urge you to get here at the earliest possible hour. Late shipments just pouring in upon us will give you a chance we did not look for so late. But blame it on the "freight congestion and freight delays," and feel good over it, because we will have to sell the handsome late-arriving productions at half the prices, or next to a loss, in order to have them out and sold before Xmas.

Xmas Gifts in Our Ladies' Suit Department—

No. 1. We have taken from our regular stock of fine Suits about ninety different styles in broken sizes. They are made of strictly all-wool English Venetian Cloths and Cheviots, black, blue and brown, and are tailored in the newest designs; tight-fitting, blouse and reefer effects; Jackets are lined with taffeta or satin; some trimmed with bands of taffeta and satin and some with straps of cloth and tailor stitchings. The Skirts are made in five, seven and nine gore shapes, with best percaline linings or plaited ruffle drop. They range in prices $15.00, $17.50 and $20.00; all going at one price for this special Xmas gift sale—at..... $9.98

No. 2. We have also taken from our Ladies' high-grade Suits about one hundred and twenty of the finest Suits produced this season; made of English Cheviots, Venetians and Broadcloths, in the most desirable colors. The Jackets are made with the French ripple effect, sleeves and cuffs to correspond; trimmed with piping of peau de soie or taffeta, and are lined with guaranteed satin. The Skirts are made in five, seven and nine gore styles, some with triple ruffles, piped with peau de soie, and some with plaited or flounce styles. Regular market values are $25.00, $30.00 and $35.00. The entire lot has been marked down for this special Xmas gift sale to..... $17.98

Xmas Specials in Ladies' Capes—

Ladies' Fine English Plush Capes—edged with fur and lined with mercerized satin—full sweep—$10.00 value—some trimmed with fancy braid—reduced for this sale to..... $5.98

Ladies' English Astrachan Capes—edged with and lined with nice satin—full sweep—30 inches long—value $18.00 and $14.00. Reduced for this sale to $10.00 and..... $8.98

There Were Never Such Wonderful Bargains in Xmas Furs!

The prices will be a revelation to you. So will the stocks. Everybody is amazed at the way we've discounted uptown stores' prices. You could not think of a more pleasing gift than one of these handsome sets of Furs.

Sable Fox Long Boas, with four large tails; value $12; marked for this sale..... $6.98

Blended Mink, Stone Marten, Opossum Scarfs and Boas, with 6 and 8 tails; values $4.75 and $7.75; clearing out at this sale for $4.98 and..... $2.98

Electric Seal and French Coney Scarfs, with 6 tails; real value $2.00 to $5.00; marked for this sale $3.98, $2.98, $1.98 and..... 98c

Children's Fur Sets, in a large variety of newest styles, ranging upward from..... 98c

Xmas Specials in Children's Coats—

Children's Corduroy Velvet Coats; sizes 2 to 8; in blue, brown, black and red, with new style shoulder cape, trimmed with white and ecru medallions and beaver edging; real value $8.50; marked for this sale..... $5.98

Children's Plain Velvet Coats; sizes 2 to 6; black, blue, green and red; new shoulder cape, beautifully trimmed with cream serpentine and fancy tailor stitching; usually sold for $7.50, now going for..... $4.50

Children's Extra Fine Imported Velvet Coats; sizes 2 to 8, in all the desirable colors—new shape—scalloped single or triple cape effect, elaborately trimmed with ecru serpentine medallions and beaver; real values $10.50 to $19.50; all marked down for this sale to $10.00, $8.98, $7.98 and..... $5.98

Xmas Specials in Ladies' Waists—

Ladies' Fancy Mohair Waists, nicely trimmed with fancy tucking and buttons; colors white and black, blue and white, black and white; real value $3.75; your choice now for..... $1.98

Ladies' Fine French Flannel Waists; all of them this season's styles, some with plain tucks and stitching, and some with fancy trimming; good values for $2.49 to $4.00; all to be cleared out at this sale for $2.98, $1.98 and..... 98c

Ladies' Taffeta and Peau de Soie Waists; all the newest designs; elegantly trimmed with tucks and hemstitching; usually sold for $3.98 to $5.50; all marked down for this sale to $3.98 and..... $2.98

Xmas Specials in Ladies' Skirts

Ladies' Dress and Walking Skirts, made of All-wool Meltons, Cheviots and Venetians; black, blue, brown and oxford; lined with best percaline and bound with velvet; some with slot seams and several rows of tailor stitching and some with plaited or graduated flounce styles; trimmed with taffeta or satin fold. Regular prices $5 to $10; all marked in two lots for this special Xmas gift sale to $4.98 and..... $2.98

Xmas Specials in Girls' Skirts!

One hundred and fifty Newest Style Misses' Suits; sizes 28 to 33; made of heavy twill Mixtures, Scotch Cloths and Cheviots, in oxford, black, castor and blue; some with slot seams and tailor stitching all the bottom and some with percaline lining and velvet binding; nicely trimmed with folds of taffeta; unparalleled values at $2.98 and $4.50; all marked down for this Xmas gift sale to $2.98 and..... $1.68

Xmas Specials in Ladies' Coats!

Ladies' Extra Fine Grade Monte Carlo and the New English Box Coats—The popular length this season, 27 inches—made of imported Kersey and lined with the finest satin; black, castor and tan. Some with bishop sleeves, strapped seams and cuffs finished with several rows of silk stitching, pearl buttons and velvet collar, and some with the new slot seams, straps and pearl buttons; turn-over French cuffs. Regular selling values $35.00, $30.00 and $27.50. All marked for this special Xmas gift sale. $18.98, $16.98 and..... $14.98

Ladies' Kersey Coats—47 inches long—lined with best satin—tailor finished strap seams—velvet collar and pearl buttons. Regular values $20, $15 and $12. Special for this sale $12.98, $9.98 and..... $7.98

MILLINERY TRIMMINGS.

Velvet Ribbons in black or any color you want; worth 25c; per bolt..... 10c

Velvet—Full width in black and all colors; worth 65c; per yd..... 35c

Silk Grapes, with foliage; worth $1.25; to be let go at, per bunch..... 50c

One lot of Pompons—in all colors, at, each..... 10c

Handsome Xmas Millinery

FOR LADIES, MISSES AND CHILDREN!

If you contemplate purchasing a dainty new Hat for the Holiday season here are inducements that mean an unprecedented saving. Our stocks are another mighty incentive. There are five times as many designs here as other stores carry—You could not find more exquisite conceits even in the world-renowned emporiums of Paris, London or Berlin.

Ladies' Hats—Ladies' black and colored Hats—trimmed with silk and velvet—fancy Breasts; handsome conceits; worth $3.98 at, each..... $1.98

Ladies' Hats—Large Black Paris Velvet Hats—trimmed with jet crowns, jet buckles and tucked Chiffon — worth $6.98—at, each..... $3.90

Children's Beaver Hats—in any color you want—best $2.50 value; each..... $1.50

Misses' and Children's Hats—exquisite conceits—trimmed with fancy Ribbons and Birds—worth from $4.98 to $5.98—at just $3.98, $2.98, $1.98 and..... 98c

Ladies' Hats—Ladies' black Spanish Turbans—handsomely trimmed with silk, jet crowns and edged with Chenille—exquisite conceits—well worth $4.98—at only..... $2.98

Misses' and Children's Scratched or Plain Felt Hats—splendidly executed and worth $1.00, at just..... 48c

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Hats in black and all colors; cheap at $1.25; each..... 50c

Ladies' and Children's Untrimmed Hats in black or any color, at, each..... 25c

The tremendous, record-breaking business in the

Dress Goods, Linens and Domestics

departments is evidence of the way we are sacrificing these goods. No house anywhere can compete! Thousands of Holiday shoppers are saving more money in this department than they ever did before in their lives. The stocks are marvelously complete. We prepared for the greatest Xmas season in our history and have reaped results passing our greatest expectations.

Black Goods—5,000 yds. Black Dress Goods, such as Silk Warp Henriettas, French Poplins, Satin Prunellas, Alpacas, Broadcloths, Cheviots, Kerseys, Melrose, Granites and a beautiful line of Black Novelties; a Dress Pattern from this selection makes a sensible and very appropriate Xmas present; choice, per yd., $2.50, $3.00, $2.50, $2, $1.50, $1, 75c and..... 50c

Dress Goods—Wool Dress Goods, comprising 45-inch Storm Serges, 40-inch Oxford Suitings, 42-inch Homespuns; positively all wool and the best 50c Dress Goods made; in black and any color you want; sale price, for choice..... 25c

Dress Goods—3,000 yds. French Henriettas, Cashmeres, Albatrosses, Batistes, etc.; just the materials for Children's Dresses, Ladies' Evening Dresses and Waists; in pinks, blues, garnets, tans, greens, turquoise, cream, white, etc.; 42 to 46 inches wide; worth 75c to $1.25 yd.; choice during this sale at, per yard, 65c and..... 48c

Dress Goods—56-inch Wool Repellant Suitings, 44-inch Fancy Scotch and English Storm Serges; 45-inch Snowflake. These goods come in all new shades and are worth 75c yd., at, per yd..... 39c

Linens—Bleached and Half Bleached 72-inch Table Linen Damask, in the newest patterns; this is an extra quality linen and worth $1.25. Sale price for choice, per yard..... 69c

Napkins—Pure Linen Napkins; size 5/4, extra heavy linen, in the newest styles; the best $1.50 Napkins produced; sale price, per dozen..... $1.00

Crash—Finest Linen Crashes, such as Barnsley, Russia, Household, etc.; at, per yd., from 10c to..... 7c

Spreads—White Bed Spreads; extra large size; Marseilles patterns; hemmed ready for use; worth $1.69; sale price, each..... $1.00

Flannels—Printed Flannels in stripes, polka dots and Persian designs; the finest 10c quality you ever saw; sale price, per yd..... 5c

Blankets—11-4 strictly all-wool Blankets in plain and fancy colors; positively worth $4.00; sale price, per pair..... $2.48

Comforts—Bed Comforts, made of sateen, chintz and fine silkoline; fine white cotton filling; scroll stitched; beautiful patterns; worth from $3.50 to $3.50; sale price for choice, each, $4.98 to..... $1.98

Sheeting — 40-inch Half Bleached Sheeting to be let go during this sale at, per yard..... 4c

10,000 yds. Lancaster Ginghams in any pattern or color you want; sale price, per yard..... 5c

5,000 yds. Silkoline Drapery—Elegant colorings and Persian designs, the 10c quality; sale price, per yard..... 4c

THE XMAS SACRIFICE OF SHOES

Promises to break all records today, tomorrow and Saturday. We've gone through our stocks and selected values for these three days that will pay shoppers coming miles to secure. No other dealer in the entire state can undersell the Joyce prices.

Ladies' Fine Dress Shoes, in Patent Kid, Patent Calf and French Kid leather; Opera and Military heels; regular $4.50 and $5.00 Shoes; special for this sale..... $2.98

Ladies' $3.00 Shoes in Patent Kid, Box Calf and English Enamel, with heavy EXTENDED soles, Military and Cuban heels; popular shapes; special..... $2.19

Ladies' Sample Shoes, in Box Calf, English Enamel and Dongola leather; shoes worth $2.50..... $1.59

Ladies' $2.00 Shoes, with good solid soles, common sense heels..... $1.29

Lot of Children's Shoes in Button and Lace; Shoes that sold regularly for $1.00, $1.25; sizes 5 to 8..... 75c

Boys' Box Calf Double Sole Shoes; regularly sold at $1.50, $1.75, $2.00; special this sale at, per pair, $1.29 and..... 98c

Little Gents' Box Calf Shoes, with heavy double sole; regular winter shoes; sizes 9 to 12; per pair..... 89c

It's folly to purchase

Men's Holiday Shirts, Neckwear, Gloves, &c.

uptown when you can save fully 45 per cent by coming down Penn Avenue to Joyce's. Besides, we give you a wonderful stock to choose from. Whether you are purchasing for gift purposes or are filling your own needs, we promise you an unparalleled saving!

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Men's 10c and 15c Sheer Hemstitched Handkerchiefs; extra large size. Special for this sale at..... 4c

Men's 20c and 25c Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs at only, each..... 12½c

Men's 25c Hemstitched Handkerchiefs with hand embroidered intitials, 12½c each, or 6 in fancy box at only..... 75c

Men's 50c to $1.50 Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, at only, each, 75c, 50c and..... 25c

MEN'S MUFFLERS.

Men's Holiday Mufflers, $1.00 to $5.00—Silk Mufflers in plain white or black; also neat silk effects; choice of immense variety at only, each, $2.48, $1.98, $1.48, 98c, 75c and..... 48c

Xmas Shirts, Neckwear, &c.

Men's $1.50 and $2.00 Xmas Shirts—All the celebrated makes; stiff or soft bosom; choicest patterns; every size; biggest selection you ever saw, at only $1.50 and..... $1.00

Hundreds of dozens of this season's newest patterns in Tecks, Four-in-Hands, Ascots, Club and Bow Ties; they are the same Ties that will cost you 50c to $1.50 anywhere else; here during this special sale at only, each, 75c, 50c and..... 25c

HOLIDAY GLOVES.

Men's Fine Dress Kid Gloves in tan, gray and mocha; Priz seams; silk stitched; sold elsewhere at $1.00 to $2.00; here at only $1.50, $1.00 and..... 75c

Boys' $1.25 All-Wool Sweaters—Hand-made, in all the college colors; also plain red, blue and black; sweaters that are positively worth $1.25; special for this sale at, each..... 75c

Men's 50c to $1.50 Suspenders in all silk and elastic webs; calfskin ends; handsome buckles; endless variety of new and attractive patterns; each pair in fancy box; never sold for less than 50c to $1.50; special for this sale, 98c, 75c, 48c and..... 25c

THE SELLING IN THE LADIES' FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT WAS NEVER BEFORE SO SPIRITED!

Wise shoppers realize that we can save them more money on their Holiday purchases than any other dealer in town. They realize that our stocks are representative of the very newest ideas and that every article is of excellent merit. Get to this Thursday, Friday and Saturday Sale and complete your Xmas lists from this splendidly equipped department.

Ladies' Hemstitched Silk Handkerchiefs, richly embroidered, handsome effects; cheap at 25c. Sale price, each..... 10c

Ladies' Fine Jap. Silk Handkerchiefs, initialed; any initial you want. This kerchief is beautifully hemstitched and cheap at 50c. Sale price, each..... 25c

Ladies' Fine Linen Handkerchiefs, with fine lace inserting and embroidery; the best 50c quality; all to be let go during this sale at, each..... 25c

Collars—Ladies' Embroidered Turn-Over Collars, to be let go during this sale at, each..... 5c

Collars—Ladies' Extra Heavy Ecru Lace Collars, beautiful designs; worth $1.00; Sale price, each..... 48c

Gloves—Ladies' All-Wool Golf Gloves, in all colors; also in stripes of combination colorings; the finest 75c glove made. Sale price..... 45c

Gloves—Ladies' and Children's Fine Kid Gloves, all colors and in all sizes; the best $1.00 quality in the market. Sale price, per pair..... 69c

Gloves—Ladies' Finest Kid Gloves, in black and all colors; the best $1.50 grade. Sale price, per pair..... $1.00

Corsets—Ladies' $1.00 Corsets, in all sizes—up-to-date styles, in colors and black, at, per pair..... 48c

Corset Covers—Ladies' 50c fine Corset Covers; all sizes, at, each..... 25c

Gowns—Ladies' fine Muslin Night Gowns; beautifully trimmed in fine laces; any size or make you want; worth 89c. Sale price, each..... 48c

Hosiery—Ladies' extra heavy wool Hose, in black or gray; worth 39c. Sale price, each..... 25c

Hosiery—Ladies' 25c All-Wool Black Hose; also extra heavy fleece-lined; plain or ribbed effects; choice at, per pair..... 12½c

Hosiery—Children's extra heavy black fleece-lined Hose, in all sizes; worth 15c. Sale price, per pair..... 10c

Ladies' Extra Heavy Natural Fleece-Lined Vests and Pants, in any size required; worth 75c. Sale price, each..... 38c

Ladies' Extra Fine Natural Wool Vests and Pants, in all sizes; this quality retails at $1.50. Sale price, each..... 85c

Corsets—20 doz. Ladies' Corsets, up-to-date styles, in black or any color you want. The regular $1.00 Corset. Sale price, each..... 48c

Skirts—500 Ladies' Double Fleeced Flannel Underskirts, beautiful patterns. Here's a bargain—only, each..... 18c

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DEATHS.

AGNEW—On Tuesday, December 16, 1902, at 5 p. m., MARY W., adopted daughter of Mrs. Mary D. Agnew.

Funeral services at her late residence, No. 70 Dithridge street, this evening at 8 o'clock. Interment private on Thursday morning.

BARR—On Monday, December 15, 1902, at 8:15 p. m., MARY DYER, relict of James B. Barr, in her 73d year.

Funeral services at the residence of her son-in-law, S. D. Sleeth, No. 301 Welch avenue, Wilmerding, Pa., on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Carriages will leave the office of Thomas B. Moreland, 6104 Penn avenue, East End, at 11:30 a. m.

EVANS—On Tuesday, December 16, 1902, at 7:30 p. m., at her residence, No. 15 Shingiss street, MISS ELIZABETH EVANS, in her 63d year.

Funeral services on Friday, December 19, at 2 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

HALF—On Tuesday, December 16, 1902, at 9 p. m., ISAAC HALF, aged 61 years.

Funeral services at the residence, No. 1125 North Euclid avenue, East End, Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment private. Please omit flowers.

LITTLE—Suddenly, on Tuesday morning, December 16, 1902, EDWIN EBBERT LITTLE.

Funeral services on Thursday, December 18, at 2:30 p. m., at his late residence, No. 5310 Westminster street. Interment private.

MARTIN—Suddenly, on Monday, December 15, 1902, at 11:04 a. m., JOHN MARTIN, in the 47th year of his age.

Funeral services at his late residence, No. 739 Summerlea street, East End, on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment private at a later hour.

[Cincinnati, Gallon and Marion (O.) papers please copy.]

MOHLMAN—Suddenly, on Tuesday, December 16, 1902, at 10 p. m., at Greentree, Pa., FRANK W. MOHLMAN, in his 27th year.

Notice of funeral later.

PIERCE—On Monday, December 15, 1902, at 4:15 p. m., HENRY M. PIERCE, aged 43 years.

Funeral from his late residence, No. 260 Park avenue, East End, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

[Indiana (Pa.) papers please copy.]

RUSSELL—Suddenly, on Monday evening, December 15, 1902, at 10 o'clock, at his residence, 226 Bertha street, Mt. Washington, WILLIAM O. RUSSELL, aged 55 years.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

[Tiffin (O.) and Bedford (Mass.) papers please copy.]

SHAY—On Tuesday, December 16, 1902, at 12:30 p. m., HELEN, relict of Jeremiah Shay.

Funeral services from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Lena Whittaker, Hazelwood avenue, near Frank street, on Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Solemn high mass of requiem at St. Stephen's church, Hazelwood, at 9. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

SMIT—On Tuesday, December 16, 1902, at 1 a. m., MRS. KATE, relict of M. J. Smit.

Funeral from her late residence, No. 114 Graham street, East End, on Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

WEIR—On Wednesday, December 17, 1902, MARY A., wife of W. W. Weir, late of Philadelphia, Pa., and daughter of Sarah J. and the late Charles Latterner, in the 49th year of her age.

Funeral services on Friday, December 19, at 2 p. m., at her late residence, No. 515 Sandusky street, Allegheny.

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DEMOCRATS WILL NAME CONFEREES

Their Appointment Has Been Authorized by the City Committee.

FUSION NOW ASSURED

Fusion is now assured. The Democratic city committee last night authorized Chairman George W. Guthrie to appoint five conferees to meet with the representatives of the Citizens party to consider a plan of nominating a candidate for recorder. Effort was made to refer the question to the city convention, but the proposition was voted down, 78 to 30. The resolution was then unanimously adopted.

This action makes more certain the nomination of Harry Moore for recorder. It was taken after it was publicly known that Thomas S. Bigelow had declared for Mr. Moore. Had the Democrats refused to name a committee on conference, the Citizens might have found it necessary to select a new candidate. None of the Democrats at the meeting last night made any reference to Mr. Moore or gave any intimation that his selection would not be satisfactory.

Over 100 of the committeemen met at City hall last night. George W. Guthrie presided and George H. Stengel was secretary. Without a contest the primaries were fixed for December 27 between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock p. m., and the convention to nominate a recorder for 8 o'clock on the evening of December 30. This was followed by the adoption of a resolution presented by Timothy O'Leary, in which Chairman George W. Guthrie was thanked for his work for the party and the city convention advised to re-elect him.

Joseph Howley, who with George S. Fleming, Timothy O'Leary, Commissioner J. A. Clark and a few others, were opposed to appointing a committee on fusion, said that as the committee had completed its work, he would move that it adjourn. W. J. Brennen, the leader of the fusionists, objected, saying that the committee should authorize the appointment of conferees. A roll call was demanded on the adjournment, and Howley withdrew his motion. Brennen then introduced this resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the chairman of the city committee to confer with a like committee appointed to be appointed by the Citizens party of Pittsburgh for the purpose of taking into consideration the matter of the nomination of a candidate for recorder of the city of Pittsburgh and further considering ways and means of uniting the Democratic party and the Citizens party in an effort to name a nominee for recorder, who will represent the citizens of Pittsburgh who are opposed to machine rule, high taxes, irresponsible officials and corrupt and extravagant administration of the affairs of the city; the said committee to report the result of its conference to the next Democratic city convention.

Commissioner Clark offered an amendment to refer the appointment of a committee to the city convention.

Speeches for and against the Clark proposition were made by many members. Brennen charged that the men who were opposed to his resolution wanted to nominate a Democrat for recorder so that the machine can win. This was denied by the other side. J. J. King said that if the Republicans, Citizens and Democrats nominated candidates there would be no question about the success of the former.

A vote was ordered on the Clark amendment and it was defeated 78 to 30. Among the Democrats voting for it were Aldermen S. J. Toole, George S. Fleming, Alderman C. F. Anderson, John F. Byrnes, Joseph Howley, James A. Clark, Timothy O'Leary, Jere Doherty and David Larkin. The latter asked to change his vote, saying that he had voted under a misapprehension. Chairman Guthrie ruled that as no record of how the individual voted had been kept, the request could not be granted. Among those opposing the resolution were P. J. Barry, Alderman John A. Martin, John Cahill, Alderman J. J. Kirby, P. J. Kearns, Representative W. J. Ryan and J. B. Yellig, D. F. Crawford, W. J. Brennen, Joseph Pringle, R. W. Guthrie, J. J. King, L. M. Fogan, J. F. O'Toole and J. M. Welsh.

The Brennen resolution was unanimously adopted, after fruitless attempts had been made to add Chairman Guthrie and Secretary Stengel to the committee and to make the powers of the conferees "distinctly advisory."

Chairman Guthrie will appoint the five conferees today.

A BIG DOWNTOWN REAL ESTATE DEAL

Conley Property at Seventh Street and Penn Avenue Sold for $215,000.

The closing of two real estate deals aggregating $215,000 gave the control of a valuable property at the northeast corner of Penn and Seventh street for the erection of a magnificent new building, said to be either a theater or a department store. The plot was purchased from the heirs of John Conley. The name of the buyer is not made public.

The first deal, which was made on Saturday, was the sale of the block at Nos. 701 and 703 Penn avenue for $115,000. The property has a frontage in Penn avenue of 37.65 feet and a depth along Seventh street of 63.45. A four-story brick building occupies the site. The second sale, amounting to $100,000, was made yesterday, a deposit of $5,000 hand money having been paid. This property is the same dimensions as the adjoining block and is improved by a four-story brick building.

Japanese Steamer Wrecked.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 17.—The steamer Nagata Maru, of Yokohama, was wrecked during a storm, 40 miles from Taku, in Shang-Tung province, on November 29. The 700 Chinese passengers and crew were landed in safety.

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Would Like to See the Citizens Nominate Him for City Recorder.

SAYS HE IS STRONG MAN

The announcement yesterday that Harry Moore of the South Side would doubtless be the choice of the Citizens for recorder was well received. It called forth a statement from Thomas S. Bigelow in which he announced that Mr. Moore was his choice. The Citizens generally were well pleased with the probability of the nomination of the South Sider and a number of old organization men said that the selection was a good one.

Chairman M. G. Leslie of the Republican city committee said that Mr. Moore was a good man. When asked if the city convention was likely to nominate him, he replied:

"That is up to the delegates."

Mr. Leslie said that he was of the opinion that there would be delegates elected favoring at least three candidates for recorder. Among the men being considered by the old organization are Newton H. Hemphill, W. J. Mustin, A. J. Logan and R. D. McGonnigle. Leslie said that delegates were now being set up for three men.

Mr. Moore was at Mr. Bigelow's office yesterday afternoon. He says that he is in the hands of his friends and if the nomination is tendered him he will make a mighty effort to be elected recorder.

Bigelow Praises Moore.

Mr. Bigelow yesterday made this statement concerning the candidacy of Mr. Moore:

Mr. Moore is an ideal man for recorder. He was born in the Second ward in Second avenue and as a boy toiled with his hands to earn his daily bread, first by making corks from the bark of a tree at the then small factory of Armstrong Bros., in Third avenue, and then at the iron mills of the South Side.

He was subsequently educated in the public schools and thence, by persistent good habits and persistent and determined effort, has reached the position of a successful, self-made man. He is now the president of a savings bank and trust company with a competence to live.

He is a man of strictest integrity and truth with a will power for the right as unbending as the finest sample of Harveyized steel as was ever produced by the Carnegie Steel Company. A man of good morals, he has a wife and children who are respected by all who know them.

Belonging to the middle class, that great and happy class who outnumber all others and rule this land of liberty, he is a man of the people. He is also a man who has some knowledge of politics and an acquaintance with municipal affairs. In church he is a Presbyterian.

Man of Broad Views.

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He is a man in whom the taxpayers of this great city can put implicit faith to see that its laws are properly enforced, its money judiciously and carefully expended and that all its subordinate officers faithfully perform their respective duties.

He is a man who would be judged by his acts rather than by promises and will, without reflecting upon any one or anything in the past, if elected recorder, will manfully take the position with the assurance that it will produce the desired result to the public. Such a man is Harry Moore of the Twenty-seventh ward.

Chairman Leslie and Recorder Brown had a conference yesterday. Leslie says that he received assurances that Brown would support the organization candidate for recorder.

CHRISTMAS WEEK PLAYS.

Big Preparations for Pantomime Other Interesting Items About the Theatre Programs Next Week.

There will be no matinee at the Grand today owing to the stage of the theater being required for a full dress rehearsal of the Christmas pantomime. Those having purchased tickets can exchange them for other performances this week, or have their money refunded. The management found it necessary to eliminate the matinee today because of the tremendous amount of preliminaries attendant upon the opening of the pantomime next Monday afternoon. Five rehearsals are in progress daily for the big spectacle, both the Grand and the Avenue stages being brought into requisition in the morning, and also at night after the performance, in addition to which rehearsals for the chorus and ballets are being held in the Old City hall and Turner hall. The orchestra, increased to 25 musicians, is holding its rehearsals in the Great Northern billiard hall in Diamond alley. The rehearsal today will bring together the entire ensemble of over 300 people, and will be the first full dress rehearsal that "Little Red Riding Hood" has had. Until now the various departments of the production, such as the ballet, chorus, children and the stock company proper, have had their respective rehearsals separately. This is the first time in the history of the stock company where a single performance has been omitted. The entire Kiralfy ballet and the chorus have now arrived in the city and the company is complete.

From Pittsburgh Mr. Weedon Grossmith and his entire English company of players goes to Montreal, where his visit is to be made a gala occasion, the governor-general and his household having signified the intention of journeying from the government seat at Ottawa to Montreal in order to be present at the opening at the Academy of Music. No doubt Pittsburghers will make Mr. Grossmith's stay in this city a conspicuous social event, and it is largely for this reason that Mr. Grossmith is to play nine performances of "The Night of the Party" at the Alvin theater, including matinees Wednesday, Christmas Day (Thursday), and Saturday. The demand for seats already has been large, but the management of the Alvin has not departed from their regular policy of showing no favoritism to intending purchasers.

One of the most thrilling effects recently seen in melodrama closes the third act of "A Ragged Hero," which is the attraction announced for the Bijou next week, beginning with Monday's matinee. The heroine, a beautiful country girl, secures a reprieve for her unjustly condemned lover and, in order to reach the prison yard in time to save his life, undertakes a perilous journey down hill on a bobsled just as the thundering of an approaching express train is heard.

A rapid-fire musical farce, wherein the fun is produced by natural methods, will be presented at the Empire theater for a week, commencing on Monday, December 22. Messrs. Hurtig and Seamon have been lavish in introducing the brilliant comedy with expensive scenery and gorgeous costumes. The emperors of comedy, Tom Lewis and Sam J. Ryan are playing the title roles. They will be ably assisted by Miss Maud Huth, America's favorite farce comedy comedienne, the Doherty Sisters, Charles Pusey and a host of others.

Christmas week at the Avenue will be the occasion of another notable engagement of famous vaudeville talent. The famous Martinetti family, premier European acrobats, are perhaps the strongest feature of the program. Colibri's midgets, a troupe of tiny folk, whose act is highly entertaining; Cole and De Loss, Weston and Allen, Bun and Ford, contribute a comedy sketch. La Petite Mignon also will be in evidence among the head-liners of the week.

Imro Fox, styled the world's greatest magician, after a prolonged tour of Europe, which was marked by tremendous successes, has returned to this country, and is the headline feature at the Duquesne theater. The surrounding company company is large, including some acts high in the vaudeville world. Among others are Lottie Gilson, the versatile comedienne; the Ansel troupe of Scotch dancers, the Flying Rathbuns, in aerial acrobatics, and six or eight other acts.

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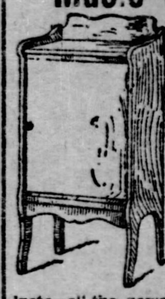

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Boston Special	† 4:20 pm	* 6:05 am
Chic. & Cleveland "Flyer"	† 6:00 pm	†11:15 am
Buffalo & Cleveland Ex.	*10:30 pm	* 6:05 am
C'land & Youngs'n Accom.	* 5:25 am	* 5:35 pm
Beaver Falls Accom.	† 6:30 am	† 5:35 pm
Beaver Falls Accom.	† 9:00 am	† 6:45 am
Beaver Falls Accom.	†12:10 pm	† 9:30 am
Beaver Falls Accom.	† 3:30 pm	†12:30 pm
New Castle Express	† 4:20 pm	† 7:30 am
Beaver Valley Express	† 5:28 pm	† 4:15 pm
Fayette City Accom.	† 6:10 am	† 7:20 am
Fayette C. & N. Haven Ex	* 8:00 am	* 8:00 am
McKeesp't & Fayette City	†11:50 am	†12:40 pm
Fayette City & N. Haven	† 3:30 pm	† 4:50 pm
Fayette City Express	* 5:20 pm	* 5:40 pm

†On Sunday from Cleveland only.
P. C. & Y. trains for Carnegie, Beadling and Beechmont, 15:25 a. m., 10:15 a. m.
*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday.
‡Note—6:00 p. m. train on Sundays to Youngstown only.
City ticket office, 357 Fifth ave., Park Bldg.
J. B. YORE, Gen. Supt. L. A. ROBISON, Gen. Pass. Agent. Pittsburgh, Pa.

RIVER PACKETS.

Pittsburgh and Cincinnati Packet Line

Strs. for Wheeling, Marietta, Parkersburg, Gallipolis, Huntington, Ironton, Portsmouth, Cincinnati, Louisville, Memphis, St. Louis, New Orleans and way landings. Leave wharfboat foot Wood st. as follows: Str. Keystone State, Monday; Queen City, Wednesday; Virginia, Saturday, at 4 p. m. Fare—Pgh. to Cin., $7; round trip, $12 and $14, meals included; down by boat, return by rail, $14. For freight or passage apply to Jas. A. Henderson, Mgr. Tel. 1762 Court.

Pittsburgh to Zanesville.

ELEGANT STEAMER LORENA (Geo. Wallace, master,) leaves Pittsburgh every Saturday, 4 p. m.; Zanesville every Tuesday, 8 a. m. Fare, round trip, $9, meals and room included. S. R. PATTERSON & CO., Agents. Tel. 428.

PITTSBURGH AND PARKERSBURG SEMI-WEEKLY PACKET.

STEAMER BEN HUR, H. E. Cramer, Master; Ed. Dunn, Clerk, leaves Patterson's wharfboat Monday, 12 m., Thursday, 4 p. m. Connecting with Str. Helen Gould at Parkersburg for Charleston and all way landings. S. R. Patterson & Co., G. H. Gbriest, 307 Water st., Agents. 'Phone 428.

KANAWHA RIVER PACKET.

STEAMER Greenwood (Gordon C. Green, captain) leaves Patterson's wharfboat every Friday 4 p. m. for Wheeling, Marietta, Parkersburg, Gallipolis, Charleston and Coal Valley. This steamer has all modern improvements. Fare to Charleston, $5.50; round trip, $10. S. R. Patterson & Co., G. H. Gbriest, 307 Water st.

RAILROADS.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.

(Eastern Standard Time.)

Leave station, Smithfield and Water Sts.:

LINES EAST.	Depart.	Arrive.
Cumberland Accom.	* 7:30 am	* 5:15 pm
Connellsv. & Mt. Pleas.	* 6:30 am	† 3:05 pm
Wash., Balto. & N. York	* 8:00 am	* 7:55 pm
Con'v., Un'n & Fairm't.	* 8:00 am	* 7:55 pm
Cumb., Wash. & Balto.	* 1:00 pm	* 3:05 pm
West Newton Accom.	†10:00 am	† 8:00 am
Conn'v., Un'n, Mer'n'n	† 1:30 pm	†10:00 am
Connellsv. & Mt. Pleas.	† 1:30 pm	†5:05 pm
Connellsville Accom.	* 4:00 pm	† 3:05 pm
Morgan'n, Charleston and Weston	† 5:00 pm	†12:50 pm
Philadelphia and New York (Duquesne Lim).	* 3:30 pm	* 9:15 pm
Wash., Balto. & Phila.	* 9:00 pm	* 7:00 am
LINES WEST VIA WHEELING.		
Wash. (Pa. & Wash. Ac.	* 7:30 am	†10:05 am
Col., Cin. & St. L. Exp.	* 8:30 am	* 7:45 am
Wgh., Zanesv. & Col.	* 1:00 pm	* 4:00 pm
Wash. (Pa.) and Wheel.	* 4:50 pm	* 6:00 pm
Col., Cin. & St. L. Exp.	* 8:50 pm	* 7:45 pm
Wgh., Col. & C. Exp.	†11:50 pm	
LINES WEST VIA AKRON.		
Cleve., Akron & Youngst.	* 7:50 am	* 8:15 pm
Chicago & Cleveland.	* 3:30 pm	*12:35 pm
Chicago Limited	* 8:16 pm	* 7:40 am

(Leave P. & W. Station, Allegheny.)

Butler	† 7:35 am	† 7:55 am
Butler, Foxburg	† 7:35 am	† 5:25 pm
Butler, Greenville & Erie	† 7:35 am	† 7:20 pm
Butler	†10:45 am	† 7:55 am
Butler, Greenville & Erie	† 1:15 pm	† 1:00 pm
Ellwood City	† 1:15 pm	† 6:30 am
Butler, Clarion & Greenv.	† 3:15 pm	†10:40 am
Ellwood N. Cast., Butler	* 5:30 pm	* 9:25 am
Butler	† 6:35 pm	† 5:25 pm
Butler	*11:30 pm	* 7:20 pm

*Daily †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Saturday only.

RAILROADS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

From Union Station, Pittsburgh.

In effect October 5, 1902. Eastern Standard Time.

FOR PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON.

Atlantic Express, daily	2:00 a. m.
Pennsylvania Limited, daily	7:15 a. m.
Day Express, daily	7:30 a. m.
Main Line Express, daily	8:00 a. m.
Harrisburg Mail, daily	12:25 p. m.
Harrisburg Express, daily	4:45 p. m.
Philadelphia Express, daily	4:50 p. m.
Eastern Express, daily	7:10 p. m.
Fast Line, daily	9:00 p. m.

"Pittsburgh Limited," daily, for New York, Baltimore and Washington only 10:00 a. m.

The Pennsylvania Special, daily, for Philadelphia and New York.. 11:25 p. m.
Philadelphia Mail, Sunday only.. 8:40 a. m.

For Buffalo and Niagara Falls, 9 a. m. and 10:45 p. m. daily.

For Oil City, 6:15, 9:00 a. m., 1:30, 5:05 and 10:45 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 9:00 a. m., 5:05 and 10:45 p. m.

For Titusville and Corry, 6:15, 9:00 a. m. and 10:45 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 9:00 a. m. and 10:45 p. m.

For Titusville only, 1:30 p. m week-days.

For DuBois, 6:15, 9:00 a. m., 1:30 and 5:05 p. m., week-days. Sundays, 9:00 a. m. and 5:05 p. m.

For Atlantic City (via Delaware River Bridge, all-rail route), 8:00 a. m. and 9:00 p. m. daily.

For Connellsville and Uniontown, 5:10, 8:25 a. m., 12:45 and 4:25 p. m. week-days.

For West Brownsville and Uniontown, 10:25 a. m. and 4:20 p. m. week-days. For Belle Vernon and West Brownsville, 6:05, 8:00, 10:25 a. m., 1:05, 4:20 and 6:25 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 8:55 a. m., 1:05, 5:00 and 9:50 p. m.

For West Elizabeth, Dravosburg and Monongahela City, 6:00, 8:00, 10:25 a. m., 1:05, 4:20, 5:25, 6:30 and 11:35 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 8:55 a. m., 1:05, 5:00 and 9:50 p. m. West Elizabeth and Dravosburg only, 3:20 p. m. week days.

FROM ALLEGHENY CITY.

For Butler, 6:32, 8:23, 10:33 a. m., 3:03 and 6:15 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 7:03 a. m., 9:33 p. m.

The Excelsior Baggage Express Company will call for and check baggage from hotels and residences. Time cards and full information can be obtained at the ticket offices—No. 390 Fifth Avenue, corner Fourth avenue and Try street, and Union Station.

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RAILROADS.

Pittsburgh Union Station.

Pennsylvania Lines.

By Central Standard Time.

TRAINS.	LEAVE.	ARRIVE.
Chicago and Cincinnati	* 1:10 am	* 1:45 am
Indianapolis and St. Louis	† 1:10 am	† 1:45 am
Fort Wayne and Chicago	* 1:15 am	* 1:40 am
Tiffin and Toledo	* 1:15 am	* 1:40 am
Indianapolis and St. Louis	* 4:50 am	* 5:50 pm
Columbus and Cincinnati	* 4:50 am	*10:15 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	* 5:20 am	† 6:05 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 5:20 am	† 1:15 pm
Alliance and Cleveland	† 5:20 am	† 1:15 pm
Alliance and Worcester	† 5:40 am	†11:30 pm
Johnstown & Youngstown	† 5:20 pm	† 1:15 pm
Ohio Valley Express	* 6:45 am	† 8:35 pm
Fort Wayne and Chicago	* 7:00 am	* 5:30 pm
Fort Wayne and Chicago	† 7:00 am	* 5:50 pm
Tiffin and Toledo	† 7:00 am	† 5:30 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 7:30 am	* 4:55 pm
E. Liverpool and Bellaire	† 7:30 am	† 6:55 pm
Cleveland Fast Line	* 8:00 am	* 7:40 pm
Columbus and Cincinnati	* 8:00 am	* 7:50 pm
Yale, Jackson & Other Mail	* 8:05 am	*10:35 am
N. Castle and Jamestown	* 8:05 am	* 5:50 pm
Youngstown & Ashtabula	* 8:05 am	† 5:50 pm
Youngstown & Ashtabula	† 8:05 am	†10:35 am
Columbus and Chicago	*12:25 pm	* 7:50 pm
Youngstown & Jamestown	†12:35 pm	† 8:20 am
N. Castle and Ashtabula	†12:35 pm	† 8:30 pm
Alliance and Cleveland	† 1:25 pm	† 7:25 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 1:25 pm	† 7:25 pm
Alliance and Crestline	* 1:35 pm	*12:50 pm
New Castle and Erie	* 4:35 pm	† 8:30 pm
Youngstown and Niles	* 4:35 pm	* 5:50 pm
Mercer and Oil City	* 4:35 pm	* 8:30 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	* 4:40 pm	† 7:25 pm
Cleveland Special	* 5:00 pm	*11:30 am
Wellsville and Bellaire	† 5:10 pm	† 9:10 am
N. Castle and Jamestown	† 5:25 pm	† 9:05 am
Chicago Special	* 7:10 pm	* 7:40 am
Chicago Limited	* 8:15 pm	* 8:00 am
Columbus and Cincinnati	* 8:15 pm	* 5:35 am
Indianapolis and St. Louis	* 8:15 pm	* 8:17 pm
Indianapolis and St. Louis	† 8:15 pm	† 8:30 am
Toledo and Detroit	* 8:15 pm	* 5:50 am
Penna. (Special) Chicago	*10:10 pm	*10:20 pm
Beaver Falls & N. Castle	†10:20 pm	† 8:30 pm
Alliance and Cleveland	*11:00 pm	* 5:40 am

Leave for Washington, Pa., †6:00 am, †7:30 am, 12:00 am, 9:45 am, †1:30 pm, †3:10 pm, †4:10 pm, †5:15 pm, †5:30 pm, †6:30 pm, †10:30 pm.

Leave for Wheeling, †6:45 am, *8:20 am, †11:50 am, †2:30 pm, *6:15 pm.

Leave for Steubenville, *5:40 am, †8:25 am, †2:30 pm, †4:15 pm, †10:35 pm, †11:35 am.

Leave for Dennison, *5:40 am, †2:30 pm.

Leave Allegheny for Salem and Alliance, †3:35 pm.

*Every day. †Week days only. ‡Sundays only.

Time tables, tickets and sleeping car space may be obtained at 390 Fifth avenue, corner Smithfield street; at Union station, Pittsburgh, and at Penn Avenue station, Allegheny.

G. L. PECK, General Manager. E. A. FORD, General Passenger Agent.

BESSEMER & LAKE ERIE R. R.

Schedule in effect Nov. 23, 1902. Trains leave B. & O. depot, Allegheny (Eastern Standard time) For Erie, Girard, Conneaut, and Meadville, 1:25 a. m. and 1:15 p. m.; Greenville, Mercer, Grove City and Keister, 7:35 a. m., 1:15 p. m. and 3:15 p. m. All trains daily except Sunday.

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WANTED, BY THE MAN with the lame back—Electrozone. It takes away the ache. Druggists sell enough for you to see how good it is—for 10 cents.

KNIGHTS OF KEY ROUSED TO WRATH

Discharges Made by Western Union Are Followed By Threats.

EIGHT MEN LET OUT

Operators Declare That Action Was Unwarranted—Telegraph Companies Recovering from Paralysis Caused by Storms.

The local ranks of the Brotherhood of Commercial Telegraphers were stirred to the heights of indignation yesterday over the discharge of eight operators by the Western Union. The men discharged are active workers in the order and organization among the employes of the Western Union has been steadily pushed of late. To this the telegraphers attribute the steady policy of dismissal.

Twenty operators have been discharged since the middle of November, and wrathful threats are made by the Brotherhood men as a result. Pittsburgh is the stronghold of the brotherhood, and the Western Union, it is stated, has been most active here in its measures, though a few men have been discharged in Philadelphia.

National Vice President W. F. Craig, Jr., of the brotherhood, who is employed here, claims that the discharge of the operators has been unwarranted and a most unjust move on the part of the company. All of the men are good men, while some had records of long years of faithful service with the company. The Postal Company, which has been living at peace with the brotherhood, has been steadily picking up the best of the operators discharged by the Western Union.

The telegraph companies were busy yesterday disengaging themselves from the wire entanglement left by the recent storms, and last night the managers of the local offices cheerfully announced that the work was practically on time and that every wire would be in ship-shape order by this evening. With fair weather promised for today both east and west, and thousands of extra linemen at work, the companies hope to have every break repaired before tonight.

The messages were four to five hours behind during the day yesterday at the city offices of both the Western Union and the Postal, but with the addition of leased wires which had been working while the sun shone, the stacks of messages were quickly reduced until at 11 last night both companies were clear.

The Western Union night manager stated that about a third of their wires were still in bad shape. The Postal was crowding their New York and Philadelphia wires, as neither Washington nor Baltimore could be reached direct. Both companies were obliged to do a great deal of relaying to reach the mountain district and midway points, such as Johnstown and Altoona. There was nothing, however, sent by mail yesterday, while on Tuesday night the mail trains were loaded with messages for morning delivery.

SMUGGLED GOODS ON UNITED STATES BOAT

Army and Navy Officers Among Those Said to Be Implicated.

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 17.—Collector Curzon today seized several hundred cases of liquor which had been brought from St. Thomas on board the United States lighthouse tender Laurel. It is reported that certain army and navy officers, as well as some prominent citizens of San Juan, are implicated in the matter.

The case will go before the federal court and the bureau of insular revenue will also take action. It is said that this method of smuggling has been in operation for the last 18 months, and that goods worth several thousand dollars have been landed here.

HUNGARIANS ARE NEGROES' VICTIMS

Foreign Population of Small Towns Greatly Worked Up Owing to Robberies.

Negro highwaymen and burglars have the Hungarian population of Homestead, Braddock and surrounding towns in a badly frightened state, as the result of many robberies and hold-ups which have occurred during the past two weeks. It is estimated that over $200 has been secured in the raids made on houses of foreigners and in the hold-ups.

Early yesterday morning, while returning home, John Matosch of Washington avenue, Braddock, was held up by three negroes with revolvers. After being relieved of $14 50 and a watch at Washington and Thirteenth street, he was slapped in the face and told to run. The same gang on Tuesday night broke into three Hungarian boarding houses in Second avenue, Homestead, but secured little booty for their trouble. Earlier the same evening Michael Patoch, a Hungarian of Munhall, was robbed of $3 by three negroes in Eighth avenue, and compelled to return to Homestead, where he notified the police.

Yesterday morning when the office force at the William Manchester manufacturing plant, No. 2108 Smallman street, reported for work, it was discovered that the small safe had been wrecked by burglars, who secured entrance to the office by forcing a rear door. There was nothing in the safe. Three sticks of dynamite were found on the floor.

QUEEN AS GOD-MOTHER.

Honors to Young Heir of the Duke of Manchester.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Queen Alexandra today acted as god-mother at the christening of Lord Mandeville, the heir of the duke and duchess of Manchester, in the Chapel Royal, St. James palace. Her majesty signed the register with the duke and duchess of Manchester and others.

The queen's present to her god-child was a silver bowl and spoon, inscribed: "To Alexander George, Viscount Mandeville, from Alexandra Regina, Dec. 17, 1902."

Chilean Cabinet Resigns.

VALPARAISO, CHILE, Dec. 17.—(Copyright Cable.)—The cabinet, representing the majority in congress, asked President Riesco to remove several governors of provinces and departments who, in its opinion, were likely to interfere with the next parliamentary elections. The president having refused the petition, the cabinet's resignation followed.

BARRELS OF SAMPLES.

Over Two Hundred Thousand Trial Bottles Sent Free by Mail.

By special arrangement with the manufacturers of that justly famous Kidney medicine, Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, the readers of The Gazette are enabled to obtain a trial bottle and pamphlet of valuable medical advice absolutely free by simply sending their full name and address to the DR. DAVID KENNEDY CORPORATION, Rondout, N. Y., and mentioning this paper.

The Doctor has received so many grateful letters from those who have been benefited and cured of the various diseases of the Kidneys, Liver, Bladder and Blood, Rheumatism, Dyspepsia and Chronic Constipation, and all weaknesses peculiar to women, that they willingly send trial bottles to all sufferers.

Investigation found that 91 per cent of those who had used the trial bottle had received benefit and cure from its use.

It matters not now sick you are or how many physicians have failed to help you, send for a trial bottle of this great medicine; it costs you but a postal card, and benefit and cure will most certainly result.

Put some urine in a glass tumbler and let it stand 24 hours; if it has a sediment, is pale, discolored, milky or cloudy, stringy or ropy, your Kidneys or Bladder are in a bad condition. Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy speedily cures such dangerous symptoms as pain in the back, inability to hold urine, a burning, scalding pain in passing it, frequent desire to urinate, especially at night, the staining of linen and all the unpleasant and dangerous effects on the system produced by the use of whisky, wine or beer. Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is sold at all druggists in two sizes, 50c and $1.00 per bottle.

DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S SALT RHEUM CREAM cures Old Sores, Skin and Scrofulous Diseases. 50c.

(Free trial bottles at Jos. Fleming & Son, Market st.; Kaercher Drug Co., 4777 Liberty ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., or mention this paper and address the Dr. David Kennedy Corporation, Rondout, N. Y. George A. Kelly, Wholesale Distributor.)

$400 FELLOWSHIP FOR HARD STUDENTS

Western Theological Seminary Provides for a Year of Graduate Work.

A new incentive to hard study among the students at the Western Theological seminary of the Presbyterian church has just been determined upon by the board of directors of that institution. This is an annual fellowship paying $400. This fellowship will be bestowed each year upon that member of the senior class who has attained the highest rank in the studies of the seminary curriculum.

The board of directors of the seminary established this fellowship at the suggestion of the faculty. It is prescribed that the recipient must spend one year in postgraduate study at some approved institution at home or abroad. The Rev. Dr. Matthew Riddle, president of the seminary, confirmed the announcement yesterday, but stated that some of the details of the plan have not yet been worked out, although the amount has been set aside for this purpose. It will start with the present senior class.

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STORES OPEN EVENINGS.

Just in the Nick of Time.

800 Pairs Sample Men's Finest Holiday Slippers

Just received from the famous Jas. A. Bannister Co., manufacturers of the finest men's slippers made—their complete line of samples, of over Eight Hundred Pairs,

$3.50 and $4.00

Hand-sewed turns—in Monkey Skin, Sealskin, Russia, Goat, Alligator, Lizard, etc.—and they will be sold quick—so

Your Choice $2.50 A Pair. we have put them on sale for speedy work at the uniform price of $2.50 a pair, and there is not a pair in the lot that would sell regularly under $3.50 a pair. **Your Choice $2.50 A Pair.**

A Second Big Lot of 1,000 Pairs Men's

$1.25 to $2.50 values in fine Slippers are on sale today at the deep cut prices of

75c, $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50

This lot includes Kid, Russia Goat, Russia Calf, etc., in Black and Tan Goods, both Nullifier and Opera Cuts—and all sizes—

OTHER SPECIAL VALUES

offering at these great stores this week follow below—and are good Holiday Hints—

AT $1.19 A PAIR
1,000 Pairs Boys' and Youths' Box Calf Vici Kid, Satin Calf, $1.50 and $2.00, heavy stylish winter shoes, will sell at $1.19.

AT $1.10 A PAIR
2,000 Pairs Women's Box Calf and Vici Kid Lace Shoes, worth regularly $1.50 a pair, Sale Price $1.10.

AT $1.50 A PAIR
3,000 Pairs Women's Vici Kid and Box Calf Shoes, worth regularly $2.00 a pair, Sale Price $1.50.

AT $1.90 and $2.18
3,800 Pairs Women's fine Vici Kid and Box Calf Lace and Button Shoes, heavy and medium extension soles, worth regularly $2.50 and $3.00 a pair, Sale Price $1.90 and $2.18.

AT 89c A PAIR
800 Pairs Women's Dongola Lace Shoes, worth regularly $1.25 a pair, Sale Price 89c.

AT 29c A PAIR
Women's and Misses' Croquet Rubbers, 40c grade, all sizes, this week at 29c.

AT 98c A PAIR
1,000 Pairs Men's Arctics, worth regularly $1.25 a pair, Sale Price 98c.

AT $2.00, $2.50
$3.00 and $3.50 a Pair, a big assortment of Men's Calf, Kip Grain and Rubber Boots are included in this sale.

AT 15c A PAIR
1,000 Pairs Infants' Soft Sole Button and Lace Shoes, regular 35c goods, Sale Price 15c.

AT 25c A PAIR
600 Pairs Men's fine Carpet Slippers, worth 40c regularly, Sale Price 25c.

AT $2.85 A PAIR
900 Pairs Men's Box Calf, Vici Kid, Patent Leather and Enamel, $3.50 and $4.00 Shoes, in genuine Goodyear welts — warranted — special this week at $2.85.

AT $1.10 PAIR
2,000 Pairs Men's Solid Satin Calf Double Sole Balmorals, worth regularly $1.50 a pair, Sale Price $1.10.

AT $1.50 A PAIR
1,600 Pairs Men's fine Satin Calf and Box Calf Lace Shoes, worth regularly $2.00 a pair, Sale Price $1.50.

AT $1.90 AND $2.18
3,000 Pairs Men's English and Goodyear Welt Box Calf, Vici Kid and Enamel Leather Shoes, worth regularly $2.50 and $3.00 a pair, Sale Price $1.90 and $2.18.

AT $1.00 A PAIR
Women's $1.50 Red, Tan and Black Fur Trimmed hand-sewed Nullifiers, this week at $1.00.

And among many drives on the Bargain Tables—you will find a line of **Women's Fur Trimmed Nullifiers**, in all sizes at 75c a pair, that will interest you for the Holidays. See them.

We are making our **Bargain Prices Now** when you want them—making your money go that much farther before Xmas—

The daily throngs at our stores the past week tell us to call your attention to the morning hours for shopping—however, large additional selling force will be on hand today and careful attention always given to all.

Goods Sold to Dealers—and Mail Orders Filled.

W. M. LAIRD CO.

431 to 437 Smithfield St. **OPEN EVENINGS.** 402 to 408 Market St.

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Christmas business immense.

Choice things in great variety on a money saving basis brings the people.

Can get what you want for most anybody here—Toys to finest Furs
—and plenty to select from
—and at a price in harmony with your intentions
—and ninety-nine times out of a hundred something better for that price than stores, usually sell you.

Large choice variety, Men's Fob Ribbons, with 10 and 14 karat Gold Pendants and Ornaments, $2.50 to $12.00.

New designs, choice patterns, Men's 10 and 14 karat Gold Signet Rings, $2.50 to $10.00.

Men's fancy Roman Gold Signet Rings with stone settings, $3.00 to $12.00.

Fine line of Boys' fancy Eider Study Gowns—as nice a present as you could give a studious lad—$3.50.

Boys' All-Wool Sweaters, $1.00, $1.50 and $2.00.

Odd lot of $6.50 and $7.50 Sailor Blouse, Norfolk and Russian Suits for Boys 2½ to 10 years, to be closed out at $5.00.

Rain Coats with long full skirt, satin lined sleeves and shoulders, for Boys 9 to 15, $10.00.

Kersey, Chinchilla and Frieze "Peter Thompson" Reefers for Boys 3 to 16—$5.00 to $12.50.

Suits to match, $5.00 to $7.50.

Misses' full length and three-quarter Coats, size 14 to 18—unusually choice variety and superior values, $10.00 to $37.50.

Twenty-five Dollar ones, $18.50.

Thirty-three Dollar ones, $25.00.

Fifty Dollar ones, $37.50.

The collection of Ladies' Loose Coats—$8.50 to $45.00—now ready for your choosing unusually large and distinctly superior.

Note particularly the style and fineness of the garments at $15.00 and $22.50 and see if you're not getting something handsome and saving a Five Dollar bill.

Christmas Fur Sale—whether this is the best place to get Furs is best proved by the Furs and Prices.

Come and see.

Furs from $1.00 to $2,500.00.

Christmas Sale of Millinery—Hats we want to sell are Half Priced—chance for anybody who wants a nice Hat, and save a lot of money.

$2.50 Hats, $1.25; $5.00 Hats, $2.50; $7.00 Hats, $3.50; $10.00 Hats, $5.00; $15.00 Hats, $7.50; $20.00 Hats, $10.00; $25.00 Hats, $12.50.

Newest and choicest Millinery always here, always with the very latest touch artistic taste suggests.

$1.00 Plaid-back 56-inch Skirtings—Dark Gray Oxford—50c.

$3.00 Golf Plaid-back Woolens—56 inches wide, $1.50

—fine soft splendid goods for Capes, Children's Capes or new Smoking Jackets.

Blankets, $5.00 and $6.00 a pair that will show you what good Blanket value is.

Large stock of Heavy All-Wool Blankets here, $2.25 to $13.50 a pair.

One Hundred pieces nice All Wool Striped Winter Waist Cloths, 35c—pretty styles and best colors.

Large and exclusive Waist department for Waistings.

Over a thousand styles handsome Waist Cloths, 50, 65 and 75 CTS.

Choice assortment of the fashionable Cotton Vestings just in.

White and White grounds, also Dark Vestings, 50c to $1.75—the latter 54 inches wide.

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We Invite Your Immediate Inspection of Our Carefully Selected Holiday Lines of Furs, Costumes, Coats, Waists, Neckwear, Etc.

Furs for the Holidays

Our line is superb and suggestive for Christmas, including Coats, Muffs, Boas, and the approved Fur Neck Pieces, in Russian and Hudson Bay Sable—Blue and Black Lynx, Chinchilla, Ermine, etc., also Misses' and Children's Furs, in Beaver, Lynx, Chinchilla, Ermine and Mink.

Exquisite Costumes and Gowns

Our showing for House, Calling, Afternoon and Evening wear, for Dinner, Theater and Ball, and Full evening dress wear offers the richest fashions of the season, beautiful and tempting in their choice variety; equally as inviting is our display of Wraps and Coats for Afternoon, Evening and Theater wear, in three-quarter and full lengths.

As a Christmas Suggestion

See our exclusive lines of Feather Boas, also Chiffon Neck Ruffs, with Muffs to match, and our exceptionally large variety in exclusive styles of separate Waists, in all desirable materials.

Respectfully,
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436 Penn Ave

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$12 for this Solid Gold Locket, set with pure white genuine diamond. Easy terms.

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$25 Fancy Genuine Diamond Pendant mounted in solid gold.

$21 for this Ladies' gold-filled Watch—case warranted for 25 years—Elgin or Waltham movement, warranted accurate timekeeper for 10 years. Easy terms.

$34 for this Ladies' 14-k solid gold Watch—not a filled case—set with fine white cut, genuine diamond—not a chip—fine Elgin or Waltham movement—regular retail price of this watch is $55. Easy terms.

$29 for this beautiful Cluster Ring, set with pure white genuine diamonds. Easy terms.

$2.50 for this solid gold-filled Chain and Charm, warranted for 20 years; great variety of styles to choose from. All on easy terms.

$23 for this 14-karat gold filled Watch—Elgin or Waltham movement; warranted accurate timekeeper for 10 years; case guaranteed for 25 years. Easy terms.

$44 for this genuine Diamond Ring with a center of turquoise, ruby, opal or any such precious stone—mounted in solid gold—actually worth $65. Easy terms.

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OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the construction of a lateral sewer on Termon avenue, from Atlantic avenue to Walker's line, Eleventh ward.

IN the court of common pleas, No. 3, No. 620, November term, 1902.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1902, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

J. G. REEL,
E. E. PHILLIPS,
S. T. M'CLELLAND,
Viewers.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the construction of a lateral sewer on Tell street, from an unnamed alley to eastern terminus of street, Thirteenth ward.

IN the court of common pleas, No. 3, No. 622, November term, 1902.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1902, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

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S. T. M'CLELLAND,
Viewers.

OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the construction of a lateral sewer on an unnamed alley along Kleber's west line, from Brighton road to Westminster street, Eleventh ward.

IN the court of common pleas, No. 3, No. 618, November term, 1902.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1902, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

J. G. REEL,
E. E. PHILLIPS,
S. T. M'CLELLAND,
Viewers.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the construction of a lateral sewer on Clayton avenue, from Perrysville avenue to a point 150 feet, more or less, east of McGrew's west line, Second ward.

IN the court of common pleas, No. 3, No. 623, November term, 1902.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

S. A. PURVIS,
D. O. BARR,
J. H. DAWSON,
Viewers.

IN the court of common pleas, No. 3, No. 618, November term, 1902.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the construction of a lateral sewer on Ellsworth street, from Winter street to Palo Alto street, Second ward.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1902, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

J. G. REEL,
E. E. PHILLIPS,
S. T. M'CLELLAND,
Viewers.

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Holiday stationery—
Hundreds of fancy holiday boxes filled with fine stationery—all styles and prices as low as **29c**
Fountain pens—all the best makes—Waterman, Wirt, etc.—all prices from **6.00 down to 75c**

Ask for a transfer card and pay for all your purchases at one time.

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MR. CARNEGIE'S Christmas may last the year 'round—but his little daughter will not be made a whit more happier with a $2,000,000 mansion in her stocking than you can make any little one's heart in this city gladsome by fulfilling his or her wish for toys—why not select your gifts at toy headquarters? Stocks are largest and prices are smallest here.

Nine wonderful doll offers for today

Kid body dolls

Well formed kid body dolls, 17 in. long, with fine bisque head, wig, shoes and stockings—eyes open and close—special for **59c**

Finer kid body dolls, 20 in. long, with large bisque heads, fine hair, shoes and stockings—eyes open and close—special for **75c**

Extra fine kid body dolls, with jointed hips and knees — exquisitely molded bisque head, sleeping eyes, finest wig, shoes and stockings—special for **98c**

Dressed dolls

Pretty dolls, neatly dressed—well made body, with fine bisque head and good wig—special at **98c**

Large sized dolls—dressed in the latest fancy velvet and silk costumes—finely molded head, with well sewed wig—special at **1.98**

Famous "D. P." dolls—dressed in Vienna after the latest fashion—finely molded head—splendid wig with curls—very handsome dolls for only **2.98**

Jointed dolls

14 in. long full jointed dolls—life-like bisque head, sleeping eyes, fine hair, shoes and stockings—special for **59c**

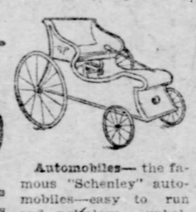
Fully jointed dolls—18 in. long—bisque head, sleeping eyes, wig with curls, shoes and stockings—special for **98c**

Extra fine dolls—fully jointed—21 in. long—body made of best materials—finest bisque head, sleeping eyes, fine wig, shoes and stockings—special for **1.50**

The "Chautauqua" combination Blackboard and desk, as illustrated above at **1.98**

Steam engines — upright or horizontal, tested and warranted—at **1.25**

Go-carts for dolls — special at **25c**



Automobiles— the famous "Schenley" automobiles—easy to run and noiseless — upholstered seat—large gong —rubber tire wheels—a handsome gift for any boy or girl—price only **12.50**

Ping-pong—

The great game of table tennis—a splendid gift for old or young. We handle none but the best makes, including the famous Parker Brothers' goods.

Complete sets of table tennis—re-tinned net holder — bias covered with chamois—good balls—for **98c**

Complete sets of table tennis — hard wood net holders — leather covered and sanded bats, set of balls—the outfit for **1.98**

Table tennis sets, with extra heavy nickel plated net holders, leather covered bats and set of finest balls—for **2.98**

Parker's celebrated "Mayfair" table tennis sets — nickel plated net holders—chamois skin covered bats —set of match balls—for **3.98**

Ranges — the "O. K." coal ranges — complete with set of utensils — for only **25c**

Cast iron gas ranges at 98c.

Ten pins—large set of hard wood ten pins, highly polished and finished—for only **48c**

All sizes, including the very largest, of the old-fashioned game "Try Again," for **50c**

Complete trains, consisting of engine, tender, baggage and passenger coaches, 8 sections of track and 2 switches—for only **1.75**

Large trains, consisting of splendid engine, tender and coach, together with a tunnel, semaphore signal station and 16 sections of track—all for **2.50**

Vacuum pistol game — perfectly harmless— amusing to old and young—at only **39c**

Electric batteries, or shocking machines — something for the mechanically inclined boy—at **98c**

Plush horses—mounted on wheels—good size and all complete with saddle, etc.—a splendid toy for only **98c**

Combination game boards—on which 40 different games can be played—all complete with necessary articles and directions in box—for only **3.98**

The balking mule—also the drunkard, the fiddler, the clown and the negro — all very amusing new moving toys, choice for **25c**

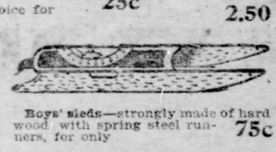
Paint boxes — large size—positively non-poisonous colors —special at **48c**

Drums — extra large size and splendidly made — special at **75c**

Pool tables — good size — all complete with balls and cues—for only **3.98**

Shoofles — the best made, with basket back and upholstered seat—special for only **98c**

Punch and Judy show affords no end of amusement—large size —all complete — today at the special price of **75c**



Boys' sleds—strongly made of hard wood with spring steel runners, for only **75c**

Girls' hardwood sleighs—substantially built, neatly painted and varnished—special at **98c**

Gift things in silverware

EXCELLENT Christmas suggestions, indeed, are the following—and for every item mentioned we have dozens of others, equally attractive.

Handsome writing sets put up in fine morocco box—consisting of new French gray finish Sterling silver ink stand, mucilage bottle, blotter, stamp box, letter opener, pen and pen rest—the entire outfit worth $10.00 for only **5.75**

Manicure sets—of five pieces handsomely embossed heavy Sterling silver—French gray or bright finish—each set in nice box—$5.00 kind, at **2.50**

Pipes—the proper gift for a smoker — an immense showing — real French briar with sterling silver or gold trimmings—4.50 down to **50c**

Ebony brushes—hair, military or cloth—with fine bristles—neat name plates —from 3.50 down to **1.00**

Silver clothes brushes—splendid gifts for men or women—a grand assortment of the newest gray —finest bristles—from 7.50 down to **1.50**

Hair dressing combs — sterling silver mounted imitation and real shell, or black and white—bright or gray finish silver mounting—from 2.50 down to **25c**

Mirrors — sterling silver embossed handle or ring mirrors — a grand assortment of the best makes and handsomest designs—from 15.75 down to **2.75**

Bonnet brushes — a splendid lot of sterling silver handle bonnet brushes, worth 75c, special at **50c**

Wrist bags

JUST in the nick of time to help you with your Christmas shopping. We knew a manufacturer who had five gross of $1.50 and $2.00 wrist bags. After considerable dickering, he gave in to our price and now we are enabled to offer you one big feast at 1.00. We would have jumped at the chance to buy 100 gross at this price, but sometimes the choicest plums come in small quantities. Several different kinds of leather in black and color made so that they will not rip or tear from the frame with ordinary usage, all silk lined. Choice for **1.00**

Glove sale

Nothing better liked by the women than gloves. Here's a chance to get a fine pair for only **1.00**

These are not the ordinary dollar gloves, but the regular one dollar and a quarter qualities, which we happened to purchase at a big price concession. They come in four styles: 3-clasp over-seam real kid—1 pearl clasp over-seam real kid—2-clasp suede kid—1-clasp heavy mannish gloves of imported dog skin. Each style in all the popular colors and all sizes, and each and EVERY PAIR GUARANTEED.

Dress and waist patterns

THE best introductory that we can give to this department in this ad. is to say that we are particularly well prepared to please you with large assortments and very moderate prices. We do not wish to say that we display the largest line of dress patterns in this city, but our stock is comprehensive enough to meet the demand of any taste or purse.

Dress patterns

We have had made up to our order 1,275 full dress patterns that we are going to sell for a very low price. They are all 42 to 48 inches wide, 5½ to 8 yards in length. The list of materials include the best fabrics shown so far this season in all the most wanted shades. Each pattern is put up in a box ready for presentation. Prices are:

1.98 2.98 3.98

A miscellaneous lot of fine all-wool materials in various widths, styles and colors; also over-lined silk striped plaids which are quite the thing this season for misses' and children's wear, all 40 to 45 in. wide, per yard **49c**

Waist patterns

We take particular pride in introducing to you our Christmas display of waist patterns. We have arranged 2,125 waist lengths for this sale. The materials include French waistings in wool and silk and wool, silk striped challie in delicate colors, also French mercerized cotton vesting full waist patterns. The prices are:

98c 1.48 1.88

Fine French melton cloth for reversible skirting and jacket suits, in blue, oxford and black. Heavy estamine cheviot in blue, brown, green and other colors; also French broadcloth and venetian in best colors, 52 inches wide, yard **69c**

Bed fixings

SATISFACTORILY solve the problem of what to give the elderly women. We're **headquarters.**

Silk comforts—down filled—corded edge—at 20.00, 16.50 and **15.00**

Down filled comforts—with fancy sateen covers—full size—at 10.00, 7.50 and **5.00**

Satin bed spreads—white and colored—hemmed and fringed —the $5.00 kind for **3.50**

Blankets—fine California and eastern made blankets—white, scarlet, gray, tan or fancy plaids —at 10.00, 7.50 and **4.95**

Slumber robes in great variety for 4.00, 3.50, 2.50 1.50 and **98c**

Sheets and pillow cases — hemstitched and embroidered—each set in box—at 3.00, 2.50 and **2.00**

Sheets and pillow cases for dolly's bed, **10c set**

Xmas slippers

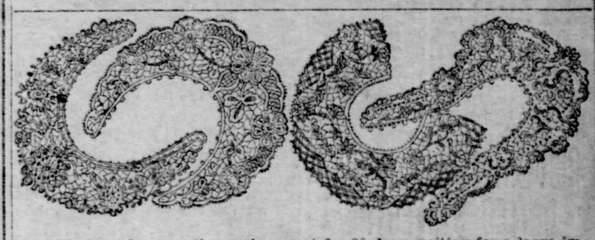
ONE of the first and best suggestions that you can call to mind for a Christmas gift is a pair of slippers.

Over 100 styles in men's slippers—several different kinds of leathers, including genuine alligator, kid and French goat; opera, Everitt and nullifier style—prices are **2.00, 1.50, 1.25, 1.00 and 75c**

Women's fur trimmed Juliets—warm, dressy and comfortable, in black, red, brown and green—prices are **1.95, 1.45, 1.00 and 75c**

Women's high cut storm boots—in calf and kid, with heavy welt soles, reduced from $3.50 to **2.50**

Beautiful lace collars



We have been on the anxious seat for 30 days waiting for a large importation of lace collars from Plauen, Germany. Now they're all in and ready for sale. We get a big rebate from original cost on account of delayed delivery, but the saving is all turned over to you.

Just now lace collars are extremely stylish for wear over jackets, waists or coats. These collars are shown in all the new shapes and designs including the beautiful "bunch of grapes" design, pretty Stole front effect, medallions, etc., colors white, butter and new Paris ecru shades. Prices up to 7.50.

Many pretty styles at

5.00 3.50 2.25 1.48 down to **48c**

Entire purchase will be on sale on bargain table, main aisle.

An aggressively conducted price reduction sale to clear our big stock of furs

Cluster scarfs—in finest sable, lynx, black coney, stone marten or electric seal, trimmed with 6 tails, reduced to **1.39**

Single or double scarfs—genuine mink, Isabella or sable fox, trimmed with 6 large fluffy tails or with large bushy tail at each end, reduced to **9.00**

Fur boas—very handsome blue fox or finest Alaska fox boas—extra long—also fine Imperial squirrel boas, trimmed with tails, worth $50.00, reduced to **39.00**

Fur boas—or cluster scarfs in sable fox, brown marten or Isabella fox, finished with large bushy tails, reduced to **3.98**

Fur boas — beautiful black fox or blue lynx, extra long or fine Alaska fox and Isabella fox boas, extra long, real value $25.00, reduced to **18.00**

Fur scarfs—very fine double baum marten or Hudson Bay sable scarfs, trimmed with bushy tails, flat and fine silky fur, worth $75.00, reduced to **50.00**

Nearseal coats—21, 22 and 24 in. long, newest shape large collar, new style reveres, every coat made of selected skins, worth $35.00, reduced to **25.00**

Child's fur sets — fine white angora and French chinchilla, muff and boa complete for **1.29 and 98c**

Child's fur sets — French thibet, fox, marten or lynx, complete with boas and muff, **1.75 to 5.00**

Special sale of muffs

Fine electric seal, river mink, blended muskrat or French lynx, at **1.98 and 1.49**

Fine astrakhan muffs, also Krimmer, nearseal or brown marten, prices **3.98 up to 15.00**

Fine muffs—in Alaska fox, blue fox, black fox, lynx, Persian blended sable, mink, chinchilla or sable, latest shapes, round large block, flat pillow and cushion styles. Prices 10.00 and as high as **50.00**

Nearseal coats—short or 24-in., fine quality lining—a dependable garment that will give excellent wear, reduced to **18.00**

Nearseal coats—newest style short, 21 in. or 24 in. long, collar, reveres and cuffs of fine beaver or mink, satin lining, worth $50.00, reduced to **37.50**

Persian lamb coats—newest shape top collar, reveres and cuffs on sleeves of chinchilla; also faced down the front, tight or large curl, reduced to **139.00**

Persian lamb coats—Leipsig dye—in plain or faced collar and reveres with mink— very latest styles, lined with good satin, worth $150.00, reduced to **85.00**

Genuine seal coats — collar and reveres made faced with fine baum marten or Hudson Bay sable, flare cuffs, beautifully lined, worth $200.00, reduced to **139.00**

Genuine sealskin jackets—Alaska seal, London dye, latest shape box front styles, large round shaped collar, really worth $225.00, reduced to **175.00**

Fur scarfs—sable or mink double length scarfs or double length chinchilla scarfs; also sable fox scarfs, reduced to **25.00**

Xmas umbrellas

NEARLY every store in town in making a great "splurge" about their umbrella stock and we, too, must become enthusiastic—but we are not over-presumptuous in saying that you cannot find a larger, better selected or lower priced display in town than we show.

Women's or men's umbrellas—26-in. and 28-in., fine taffeta silk covers, close rolling paragon frame, case and tassel, 25 styles of fancy handles, special sale price **1.50**

Women's pure twilled silk umbrellas—black and colored—natural and fancy handles—tight rolling—8 ribs—real value $5, special at **2.50**

Men's very tight rolling French silk umbrellas—28-in. with fine silver mounted Cape Horn and silver mounted natural wood handles, special sale price **2.98**

Women's umbrellas—26-in. fine oil-boiled silk, warranted not to split, fancy pearl and ivory handles, silver and gold mountings, sale price **3.98**

Extra special! 500 women's and men's umbrellas, 26 and 28-in. fine soft finish French silk with long mother-of-pearl, ivory and Dresden handles, entwined with sterling silver and gold. The men's umbrellas have heavy Cape Horn, buck, ivory, pearl and natural wood handles, with sterling silver mountings. The values reach above the $8.50 mark, choice of any **4.98**

Cut glass

THOSE who desire to give a handsome and sure-to-be appreciated gift will welcome these low prices for the richest cut glass:

Bowls—rich cut glass fruit or salad bowls, worth $6.00, at **3.98**

Water carafes—rich cut glass—both low and tall shapes—elegant cutting—special for **2.98**

Large jugs — rich cut glass—brilliant cuttings—the $10.00 kind for **6.87**

Sugar and cream sets—several splendid styles to choose from—worth $5.00, at **3.50**

Shakers—cut glass salt or pepper shakers—with screw-on sterling silver tops, worth 75c each, at **50c**

Decanters—wine or liquor—sparkling cut glass, with lapidary cut stopper—worth $8.50—special at **5.98**

Oil cruets—with lapidary cut stoppers—special at **75c**

Syrup jugs—rich cut glass, with sterling silver or silver plated tops —from 12.50 down to **3.98**

Table sets—consisting of sugar, creamer and spoon holder —special, per set, **10.00**

Mounted mirror plateaux—for embellishing cut glass—all styles and sizes, from 4.48 down to **70c**

Clothing buyers in luck

Owing to the unseasonable weather last month, clothing sales did not near come up to the anticipations of the manufacturers; consequently, most makers found themselves with big surplus stocks on hand. Carrying goods over means so much dead capital, insurance charges, and loss from deterioration and change of fashion. So, the most sagacious makers looked around for large cash buyers. Knowing our facilities for handling big stocks and outlet for the best grade of goods, the foremost makers came this way. We took advantage of the opportunity, and bought a round quarter million dollars' worth of clothing on practically our own terms. And this is the way we pass the goods on to you:

All the $8.00 & $10.00 suits and overcoats at **6.50**

All the $12.00 to $15.00 suits and overcoats at **9.00**

All the $20.00 to $22.00 suits and overcoats at **14.00**

Among the manufacturers from whom we made the largest purchases were

Alfred Benjamin & Co. **M. Sampter & Sons.**
Fechheimer-Fishel Co. **A. Dinkelspiel Co.**

As any impartial judge will tell you, there's no better clothing made than that turned out by the above-named firms. The animated scenes enacted on our clothing floor lately show the lively interest taken by the men in this event. Verily, never could high-grade clothing be had for so little money as now. Why not treat yourself to a Christmas gift in the shape of a new suit or overcoat?

Xmas rugs

THE provident housewife always encourages practical gifts and generally those best adapted for the home—why not rugs?

Domestic rugs—we are showing an elaborate display — fascinating designs in rich colorings—special reductions have been made for this just-before-Christmas sale and prices are now one-third to one-half what they were formerly.

Beautiful Axminster hearth rugs—for parlors or bed rooms, French floral designs—
Size 3x6 ft., worth $4.50, each 2.98
Size 2.6x5 ft., worth $3.00, at 1.98
Size 18x36 in., worth $1.25, at 79c

Fur rugs—with natural animal shaped in tan, black, natural white or gray, large hearth size worth $11.00, for **8.00**
Size 30x60 in., worth $7.00, for 4.50

Unlined gray or white skins, worth $3.50, for **2.25**

Hearth rugs—Royal and extra Imperial, Smyrna hearth rugs, formerly sold at $5.00 and $6.00, to go at **2.98**

Carpet hassocks—made of Royal Wilton, Axminster and Brussels carpets—extra large octagon or star shapes, made of fine Wilton carpets, an assortment easily worth $1.50, choice at this sale for **89c**

Hassocks—medium size, tomato shape, worth 50c, reduced to **25c**

Small sized hassocks—for the children, some stores sell them for 30c, our price **15c**

The best groceries

FOR less money than they can be obtained elsewhere.

Cranberries—choice large ripe Cape Cod cranberries—2 qts **25c**

Cleaned currants — extra quality—full weight 1lb. packages for **10c**

Seeded Muscatel raisins—extra large fruit, 1lb. package 12c. Standard quality, full weight 1lb. package **10c**

Mince meat — "Helmet" brand, condensed mince meat—3 lb. pail **35c**

Malaga grapes—extra fine large ripe fruit — per pound **20c**

Oranges—delicious extra large sweet russet Florida oranges—per dozen **25c**

Figs—large fancy thin skin layer figs—the 25c kind at per pound, 20c and **17c**

Pard dates—stuffed with pecans, walnuts and almonds—1 lb. boxes for **25c**

California fruits—the famous "Holly" brand, the most delicious packed—2½ lb. cans, as follows:
Lemon cling peaches, 23c can, 2.70 doz. cans
Bartlett pears, 23c can, 2.70 doz. cans
White cherries, 27c can, 3.14 doz. cans

Preserved fruits—"Buckeye State" brand—strawberry, raspberry, peach, quince, plum, blackberry, etc.—the kind sold elsewhere for 60c can, here at **45c**

Mince meat—Brick's celebrated make—none better made—full weight 5 lb. pails **65c**

Grenoble walnuts — large size, thin shell—usually sold for 18c lb., now at **15c**

Fancy mixed nuts—6 varieties — sold elsewhere for 18c lb., here 2 lbs **25c**

Stringless beans—"Ozark" brand, deliciously sweet and tender — the regular 10c quality, at 2 doz. cans, 1.55, or per can **7c**

Sugar corn—"Ozark" brand extra cream quality—the 10c kind, here case 2 doz. cans 1.75, or per can **8c**

Peas—"Bell" brand, sifted early June peas — small, sweet and tender— regular 15c quality, at case 2 doz. cans 2.65, or per can **12c**

Lima beans — "Luxury" brand—very small and tender—1.10 doz. cans, or, per can **10c**

Olives — Spanish Queen olives, large crisp, fine flavored fruit—quart jars **25c**

Orange marmalade— extra fine quality—lb. glass jars, sold regularly for 20c today at **15c**

"Force," special today at the great breakfast food—sold everywhere for 15c package— **10c**

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WORK ON TUNNEL BEGINS IN MONTH

Pennsylvania Railroad Company Expects Enterprise to Be Well Under Way by Spring.

BIG MEN IN CONFERENCE

Fourth Vice President Rea, Who Will Be in Charge, Hurries to New York to Consult With His Engineers.

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU, Public Ledger Building, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.

Work on the new Pennsylvania railroad tunnel under New York city is to be started within 30 days, and by the end of winter the enterprise is expected to be well under way. It will be completed within four years.

A. J. Cassatt, president; John P. Green, first vice president, and Samuel Rea, fourth vice president of the Pennsylvania, held a long consultation today. Capt. Green was present as the man who will manage the financial end, while Mr. Rea will build the tunnel.

After the conference Mr. Rea hurried back to New York, where M. E. Brown, chief engineer, had preceded him. They are there to consult with the four other engineers who will have the work in charge. The latter are Col. C. W. Raymond, United States army, river section; Alfred Noble, chief engineer of the North river section; Charles W. Jacobs, chief engineer of the East river section, and Gustav Lindenthal, an expert bridge designer. These six men will build the tunnel.

The Pennsylvania railroad will not, itself, construct the underground terminal. A special company was long ago incorporated, known as the Pennsylvania, New Jersey & New York Railroad Company, all the capital of which is owned by the Pennsylvania.

Of the $50,000,000 necessary for the enterprise, about one-half has already been spent in buying up real estate for the great terminal in the heart of New York city. Another $10,000,000 is ready to be used at once.

The remaining $15,000,000 will be raised by the Pennsylvania, New York & New Jersey railroad issuing 4 per cent bonds, guaranteed by the Pennsylvania railroad.

CIGARETTES CAUSE ANOTHER FATALITY

CLEVELAND, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Because he refused to give Michael Kehoe, aged 18, the butt of his cigarette, Charles Hunter, aged 15, was struck in the head by an umbrella and so badly cut by the ferule that he died. Kehoe is locked up on a charge of murder.

HE THOUGHT IT A MISTAKE

But It Wasn't and He's Just $5 Ahead

"You've made a mistake in balancing my account; you've credited me with $5 more than I deposited," said an honest old gentleman to a clerk at the Pennsylvania Trust Company the other day.

"No mistake," replied the clerk; "that $5 represents the 2 per cent interest we pay on checking accounts."

Then the old gentleman smiled a broad smile and wrote the location of the trust company—No. 410 Smithfield street—in his notebook, so that he could tell his friends where they would receive not only 4 per cent interest on their savings accounts, but where even their checking accounts would yield a handsome return.

Personal.

Mr. Wesley W. Watties, formerly with Sheaffer & Lloyd, begs to inform his friends that he is now associated with the Hardy & Hayes Co., Nos. 213-215 Fifth avenue, where he will be pleased to see them and serve them as usual.

"Mellor" Stands for Melody.

THE PIANOLA

The Only Perfect Piano Player and a Splendid Christmas Gift.

The Pianola is not only an instrument for the novice who, without the trouble of learning how, would like to play song accompaniments, dance music, and other compositions suited to his taste, but the better the musician the more valued will be its incomparable assistance.

The Pianola acts automatically upon the piano as the Pianola is acted upon by the performer.

It is not attached to the piano except as it is so placed that its "fingers" will strike the keys of that instrument, and when not in use can be removed to another part of the room, leaving the piano to be played in the ordinary way if so desired. It does not mar or injure or affect the piano in the slightest degree.

It is a handsome piece of furniture, perfect in construction, and not liable to get out of order.

It is operated by means of pedals, stops, the tempo-regulator, pneumatic action, and perforated roll music.

Open every evening till Christmas.

Catalogue Free by Mail.

Mellor's C. C. Mellor Co. Ltd. 319 5th Ave.

Sole depot for Steinway, Mason & Hamlin, Krakauer and Chauncey Pianos and for the Pianola Piano Player.

Professor Adolf Lorenz and His Patients

(By Courtesy of the New York Evening Telegram.)

These are the children selected for treatment by Prof. Lorenz, the eminent Austrian surgeon, at the hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled, New York city. There has been no more tender incident in the experience of Prof. Lorenz in this country that when he examined the child of a humble canalboat captain, Thomas Black, of Rondout, N. Y. The captain's wife had written to Mrs. Ogden Armour congratulating her upon the successful operation the Vienna expert had performed upon little Lolita and wishing for the child's complete restoration. The Black's only child is similarly afflicted.

Accompanying this letter was a doll, cheap but neatly dressed in white baby clothes and marked:

FOR LOLITA ARMOUR
FROM A LITTLE BOY WHOSE
LEG IS CRIPPLED.

The simplicity and sincerity of one mother's note of sympathy to another touched Mrs. Armour so deeply that she induced her husband to write to Mrs. Black thanking her for her letter and saying she would endeavor to have Prof. Lorenz see "the little boy whose leg was crippled" before he left America.

When Prof. Lorenz had finished his demonstrations at the New York Polyclinic and gone to Dr. Newton M. Shaffer's residence for luncheon, he was asked to look at Capt. Black's boy, a child of five, bright-eyed and winsome. The great doctor declared the case a feasible one, and Dr. Shaffer told the parents that next Sunday the facilities of the New York State Hospital for Crippled Children would be placed at their disposal gratuitously.

With tears of gratitude in her eyes, Mrs. Black clasped her child to her breast and in hesitating tones thanked the two surgeons and then hurried back to the canalboat at Kingston, lying at the foot of West Nineteenth street, beside herself with thankfulness.

"We are poor, plain people, but we love our little Alvin just as much as any rich folks could," she said.

FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF SNUG FORTUNE

Miss Tomer's Sanity Is for the Third Time Up for Court Decision.

Whether Miss Tomer of Emerson street, East End, is sane or insane is the basis of a suit heard before Judge Lucien W. Doty of Greensburg yesterday, in which about $36,000 is involved. Miss Tomer was adjudged insane 17 years ago, and a year since was declared by a commissioner to be sane and able to take care of her property. Now her heirs and next of kin have filed exceptions to the commissioner's report and had the case re-aired yesterday. Judge Doty reserved his decision.

The testimony showed that in 1885 Miss Tomer, while living on a farm near Webster, Westmoreland county, was declared a lunatic and her sister, Mrs. Amelia Kammerer, appointed her committee. Miss Tomer's estate was managed from that time by her sister until the latter's death in August, 1901. Mrs. Snively, another sister, and the Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Greensburg were then appointed Miss Tomer's committee.

Shortly thereafter Miss Tomer communicated with Attorney Jesse H. Wise of Wise & Minor, and under her instructions he filed a petition in the Westmoreland county courts asking that the inquisition proceedings declaring Miss Tomer a lunatic be set aside and that she be restored to her property, which amounted to about $20,000. Gen. John W. Latta was appointed the commissioner to take the testimony in the case.

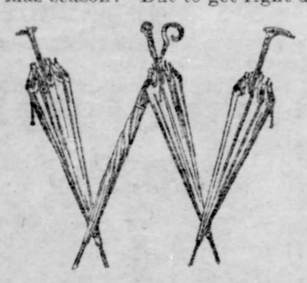
When Gen. Latta reported to the court that she was able to take care of her property the heirs and next of kin, two sisters, Mrs. Snively and Mrs. Latishaw, filed exceptions through their attorneys.

By the death of Mrs. Kammerer, her sister, Miss Tomer inherited an additional $36,000, so that if she is declared insane this amount, as well as the original bone of contention, will eventually revert to her sisters. The property at issue includes valuable East End real estate and coal land in Webster, Pa.

In addition to Wise & Minor, Miss Tomer is represented by Attorneys Roberts & Carter of the Allegheny county bar, and Williams, Sloan & Griffiths of Greensburg. The heirs are represented by James M. Shields of the Allegheny county bar and Robbins & Kunkle of Greensburg.

WEISSER'S
SALE OF CHRISTMAS
UMBRELLAS

Weisser's sales of umbrellas have made this store famous. And when Weisser's have always done so much for customers at all seasons, what may you expect during this Christmas season? But to get right down to the point.



A sale of Christmas umbrellas will start at this store today, which every person who contemplates the purchase of a Christmas umbrella should attend. At a time when most people are giving no thought to Christmas, Weisser's were busy last July selecting this magnificent stock. And the prices now prevailing average about one-half what such goods regularly sell for.

This great reduction is explained by the fact that the importer sold us his entire sample line of handles, which we ourselves had mounted. Most of these handles are exquisite works of art, and alone are worth from $8 to $15 apiece. We had them mounted on the best quality of Spitalfields silk, which ordinarily costs from $5 to $6 for each umbrella. Therefore, these umbrellas are actually worth from $18 to $25 apiece. But owing to our fortunate purchase

You Can Take Your Choice of the Best for $10

Of course, these are the most elegant umbrellas, and we assure you that $25 is the price charged in other stores right in this town, for the very same goods.

But this does not constitute our entire stock by any means. The umbrellas we are selling at $6.50 are especially commended as Christmas gifts. Some of the handles of these are alone worth $10. And then we have a specially attractive line at $2.50, $3.00, $3.50 and $5.00, any of which are worth double our prices.

A WORD ABOUT THE HANDLES

There are hand-chased gold handles, hand-carved ivories with gold and silver trimmings, inlaid ivories, the very long handles now so much the vogue—such styles as La Tosca, staff, hook, loop, etc.

Every Umbrella Here Is New

It is easy for stores that do only an ordinary business in umbrellas to accumulate old stock. But we wish it distinctly understood that there is not a single old umbrella in this establishment. And, moreover, there is not an ordinary umbrella in this Christmas collection.

We select Christmas umbrellas for our customers as we would select them for ourselves.

The prices we have mentioned are for umbrellas for both ladies and gentlemen.

Come For All Your Christmas Goods to the Store That Never Disappoints.

You get what you come for when you come to Weisser's.

Beginning today (Thursday) store will remain open every evening until Christmas.

WEISSER, LOW & CO.
435 and 437 Market Street, Pittsburgh.

DAVIS' BOOK STORE
Established 1858

The Christmas rush is here, yesterday was a record breaker in our store, but we are prepared for an immense business, our stock in every department is complete, and we can show you all the new and popular things in Books, Fine Stationery, Calendars and Toys.

DOLLS

Just a word or two about our Dolls, our Doll business for the last few days has been tremendous, but our stock, arriving as it did, six weeks late, is still larger than we would like it to be the week before Christmas. Our Dolls are from the best makers of Europe; they are all clean and fresh, every one in its original wrapper and box. You can have any Doll in our stock at the following sweeping reductions from our low prices of a week ago:

All $ 1.00 Dolls go for....	65c
All $ 1.15 Dolls go for....	70c
All $ 1.25 Dolls go for....	75c
All $ 1.35 Dolls go for....	85c
All $ 1.50 Dolls go for....	95c
All $ 1.65 Dolls go for....	$ 1.00
All $ 1.75 Dolls go for....	$ 1.15
All $ 2.00 Dolls go for....	$ 1.25
All $ 2.25 Dolls go for....	$ 1.50
All $ 2.50 Dolls go for....	$ 1.65
All $ 2.75 Dolls go for....	$ 1.85
All $ 3.00 Dolls go for....	$ 2.00
All $ 3.25 Dolls go for....	$ 2.25
All $3.50 Dolls go for....	$ 2.45
All $ 3.75 Dolls go for....	$ 2.65
All $ 4.00 Dolls go for....	$ 2.85
All $ 4.50 Dolls go for....	$ 3.00
All $ 5.00 Dolls go for....	$ 3.25
All $ 5.50 Dolls go for....	$ 3.50
All $ 6.00 Dolls go for....	$ 3.75
All $ 6.50 Dolls go for....	$ 4.00
All $ 7.00 Dolls go for....	$ 4.50
All $ 7.50 Dolls go for....	$ 4.75
All $ 8.00 Dolls go for....	$ 5.50
All $10.00 Dolls go for....	$ 6.50
All $15.00 Dolls go for....	$ 9.50
All $20.00 Dolls go for....	$14.00
All $25.00 Dolls go for....	$16.00

If you have any thought of a Doll purchase don't neglect this opportunity; the variety is big and the values offered cannot be equaled. We have a large line of dressed and undressed, jointed and kid dolls at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and 85c.

TOYS

Our toy business has been beyond our expectations; our stock is still complete and we can give you everything in popular toys. Steam Engines from 50c to $6.50, Magic Lanterns from $1.00 to $8.50, Sets of Dishes from 25c to $5.50, Fire Engines, Hose Carriages, Hook and Ladders, Patrol Wagons from 25c to $2.50; Skin Animals, such as Horses, Dogs, Cows, Cats, Lions, &c., from 50c to $3.00; Noah's Arks from 50c to $1.35; "Ping Pong" from $1.00 to $10.00, Mechanical Trains, Locomotives with steel spring warranted, tracks with cross-overs, curves, switches, &c., from $1.50 to $18.00; Toy Ranges from 25c to $3.75, in fact, everything that pleases the little people is here, all at the lowest possible prices.

BOOKS

Our Book stock is complete in every department; all the new fiction, new illustrated gift books, standard sets in fine bindings, Bibles, prayer books, &c. Books for all, young and old.

We mention a few of the books that are leading in point of sale:

The Blue Flower,
The Kentons,
Marion Manning,
Barbara Ladd,
Cecilia,
A Song of a Single Note,
Intrusions of Peggy,
The Vultures,
The Eight Princess,
The Two Vanrevels,
Captain Macklin,
Oliver Horn,
The Virginian,

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STATIONERY

Nothing makes a better gift than a box of good writing paper. We have boxes ranging in price from 25c to $7.50; Fountain Pens, Inkstands, &c.

CALENDARS

A beautiful line of Calendars is shown. They range in price from 10c to $6.00. The variety of designs is bewildering. Some of the choice things are the Christy Calendar, Gibson Calendar, Girl of Today Calendar. This department is well worth a visit.

R. S. DAVIS & CO
346 FIFTH AVE.
Open Every Evening Until Xmas Till 10:30.

5 DOORS BELOW WOOD ST. OLD EICHBAUM BUILDING.

ATHA & ATHA

242 FIFTH AVE.

Some Special Bargains For the Night Shoppers!

This announcement will stimulate wonderful interest among Holiday buyers who are compelled to employ the evening hours to make their selections. Each item is a magnet that will create a wonderful demand, so we urge you to get here as soon after 7 o'clock as possible.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS.

(From 7 till 10 O'clock Tonight.)
50c for this 8x10 Oval Frame, Florentine pattern, finished in Roman gold and fitted with glass mat and back. Art stores sell them at $2.50. Just 400, so be on hand early.

(From 7 till 10 O'clock Tonight.)
$10 reduced from $12.50, for 100-piece English Porcelain Dinner Sets, in three styles of rich decorations, royal blue and green and gold enameled. You can save $2.50 on this set by coming tonight between 7 and 10 o'clock.

(From 7 till 10 O'clock Tonight.)
$1.00 reduced from $1.50 and $2.00, choice of about 550 Vienna China and English Vases — beautifully decorated in rich floral designs and hand colored. Fancy shapes, 10 to 12 inches high. They are bargains at regular price. Tonight only, each $1.00.

(From 7 till 10 O'clock Tonight.)
50c reduced from 50c, for handsomely painted mechanical Street Cars, 14 inches long, strong spring. A big bargain for tonight.

(From 7 till 10 O'clock Tonight.)
15c reduced from 25c, for the popular game of Lotto. Toy Dept.

(From 7 till 10 O'clock Tonight.)
15c reduced from 25c, for about 4 dozen 8-inch Boys' Drums. In Toy Dept.

(From 7 till 10 O'clock Tonight.)
10c reduced from 25c, 50c and 75c, for a lot of slightly soiled dressed and undressed Dolls; kid and jointed bodies. Some wonderful bargains. Toy Dept.

(From 7 till 10 O'clock Tonight.)
½ price on all Skin Covered and Wood Horses tonight, from 7 till 10 o'clock.

25c for Mooing cows. Others at 50c, 75c, $1.00 up to $2.00.

25c for imitation hair horses. Others at 50c, 75c, $1.00 and $1.50.

25c for mechanical motor cab. Others at 50c, 75c, $1.00 up to $2.50.

25c for boys' well filled tool chests. Others at 50c, 75c, $1.00 on up to $5.00.

25c for mechanical propelling boats; will run in water. Others at 50c and $1.00.

85c for the latest improved Baltimore printing presses. Others at $1.25, $2.00 up to $6.00.

$1.00 for celebrated Teddy Roosevelt repeating air rifles, reduced from $1.25.

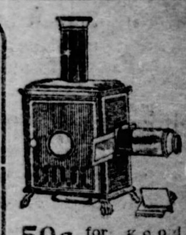
75c for Roosevelt single shot air rifles, reduced from $1.00.

25c for 24-piece decorated Toy Tea Sets, our own importation. Hundreds of other toy tea sets at 50c, 75c, $1.00 on up to $6.00.

50c for the game of Telegraph Boy.
50c for Mail and Express Game.
25c for game of Man in the Moon.
50c for game of Frog Fishing.
15c for game of Goose Chase.
25c, 50c and $1.00 for game of Pretty Village.

50c for good upright Steam Engines. Others at 75c, $1.00 up to $2.50.

50c for Around the World With Nellie Bly.
25c for game of Soldiers on Parade.
50c for the popular game of the Hand of Fate.
75c for the game of King's Poets.
50c for the popular Baseball Game.



50c for good Magic lanterns, 24 views. Others at 75c, $1.00, $1.25 up to $2.50.

DOLLS!

Dressed and undressed, large and small, white and black, at prices that will astonish you. The celebrated Bebe Dolls—double jointed, undressed—blondes and brunettes, perfectly formed, 14 inches tall, at

$1.00

Undressed or Dressed Dolls,

25c up to $15.00

GAMES, ETC.

$1.00 for combination Checker and Crokinole Boards.
$2.00 for combination Carom Boards of 12 games.
$3.50 for combination Game Boards—24 games. Reduced from $4.50.
$4.50 for 30 Game Combination Game Board. Reduced from $5.75.
$5.00 De Luxe 50 Game Combination Board. Reduced from $6.50.
Amusing game of Pillow Dex: 25c ones reduced to..... 10c
35c ones reduced to..... 25c
75c ones reduced to..... 50c
25c for toy steel Ranges, complete with pots and pans. Other stoves at 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 up to $3.50.
70c for the interesting game of Parchesi.

$1.00 for large size steel wheel Willow Basket Doll Go-Carts. Other Go-Carts at $2.00, $3.50, $5.00 and $7.00.
Bliss Toy Pianos—Full tone, white or mahogany finish, at $7.50, $5.00, $4.00, $3.00, $2.00, $1.50, $1.00, 75c, 50c, 35c and 15c
25c for Jewel toy Sad Irons, detachable handles, with stands.
$1.00 for Triumph Sewing Machines; sews like a large machine.
75c for mechanical Coon Minstrels.
Yankee Jumper Sleds at 50c, $1.50 and $2.75
Toy Coffee Mills, that will grind coffee, 25c, 15c and 10c
$1.25 for mechanical railroad train, consisting of engine, tender, coach and track. Smallest child can operate it. Other mechanical trains at $2.00 up to $12.00.
$1.25 for the Chautauqua combination blackboard and desk. Other dealers ask $1.98.
75c for regular dollar Soldier Suits.
50c for handsomely painted Shoo Fly.

Xmas Suggestions Among the China.

Thousands of delightful and useful suggestions in fine American cut glass, bric-a-brac and fancy china and lamps.

$7.98 For 100-piece English Porcelain DINNER SETS.

$12.50 For 100-piece Keswick China DINNER SETS, neat decorations.

$15.00 For 100 pieces of finest English Porcelain DINNER SETS; gold embellished and richly decorated.

$18.00 For 100-piece Vienna China DINNER SETS, newest decorations.

What One Dollar Will Buy in China Department.

For convenience of customers all articles are arranged on one table.

French China Salad Dishes.
French China Comb and Brush Trays.
Dainty China Celery Trays.
Odd China Plates.
Fancy China Cake Plates.
Large Dainty China Chop Plates.
Beautifully decorated China Chocolate Pots.
Nice China Cracker Jars.
Large China Bisque Babies.
Fancy Bisque Figures.
Handsomely decorated Vases.
Japanese China Sugar Baskets.
Hand-painted Plaques.
Dainty Sugar and Cream Sets.
Dainty Cups and Saucers.

And hundreds of other pleasing suggestions.

Beautiful parlor lamps, in rich color tints and hand painted decorations, $15.00, $12.50, $10.00, $8.00 and..... $5.00

Don't fail to see the big values on 25c and 50c tables.

Great holiday display of French Dinnerware. Many exclusive designs not shown elsewhere, from such famous makers as Haviland & Co., J. Pouyot & Co., Haviland and Abbott and Theo. Haviland & Co.—at per set, $35.00, $50.00, $75.00, $100.00, $125.00 and..... $150

$1.50 up to $20.00 each for fine hand-painted French China Game or Figure Plaques.

TOILET SETS.

$5.00 For 12-piece toilet sets; very neatly decorated in 3 colors; gold traced.

$8.00 for 12-piece porcelain toilet sets, richly tinted in royal blue, green or pink, with large rose decoration and gold embellished; worth $10.

$10.50 for 12-piece toilet sets; sold elsewhere at $12.50. Six styles of new and beautiful tints and floral decorations.

$2.50 up to $20.00 each for Royal Teplitz Vases—noted for their rich satin finish and unique shapes.

$2.00 up to $15.00 each for Royal Bonn Vases. Colors are very rich and elaborate.

25c each for large size China Cake or Bread Plates, beautifully decorated; worth 50c.

$3.50 up to $18.00 for Ice Cream Sets, consisting of one large ice cream dish and 12 plates; some choice decorations.

$3.50 up to $30.00 for Chocolate Sets, consisting of one chocolate pot and 6 or 12 chocolate cups and saucers.

$3.00 up to $15.00 a dozen for China Ramekins; Japanese, German and French china.

50c up to $3.00 each for old French China Cups and Saucers.

$2.00 up to $25.00 each for complete line of Umbrella Jars—entirely new shapes.

SOCIETY

MISS HEGEMAN entertained yesterday afternoon at "Oak Manor" the H. Kirke Porter mansion in Oakland, in honor of Miss Anne Burgwin, Mrs. George Burgwin's debutante daughter. It was a rather large entertainment, 70 ladies being present. Domino whist was played, the tables being placed in the large picture gallery. The art gallery opens from the great board hall, finished in Flemish oak. The immense fireplace at the right of the entrance, the wide staircase with its massive carvings and the high panelled ceiling give distinction to the entire mansion. Yesterday Christmas decorations prevailed, holly and southern smilax wreathing the staircase, while immense wreaths of holly, tied with scarlet ribbons, adorned the walls.

The art gallery is one of the finest in the state, containing many master-pieces. A few palms alone added to its artistic decorations, but upon the card tables holly and scarlet ribbons instead of the usual chips were used in counting the scores.

Handsome prizes were won at each table and the whist was most beautifully conducted throughout. The guests included the debutantes and the younger married women. Opening from the art gallery is the conservatory, where fine tropical plants and beautiful flowers appeared yesterday in luxuriance. The crimson carpeting and the rich foliage were a pleasing distraction from the richness and wealth of the canvasses upon the walls of the gallery.

Mrs. Porter and Miss Hegeman will leave soon for their winter home in Jekyl island. They will spend some time in Washington, D. C., this winter, where Mr. Porter has already taken apartments for the congressional season.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn's Theater Party.

Mr. and Mrs. William Speer Kuhn gave a large theater party last evening at the Alvin. Their guests of honor were Miss Anne Burgwin, who ws entertained earlier in the day at Miss Hegeman's domino whist; Miss Burgwin's visiting friend, Miss Rae Winters, and Miss Elizabeth Sellers. The party occupied all the lower boxes and several seats in the parquet and included the debutantes who have entered society this year, a number of the younger men and some of the young married people.

Among the guests were Miss Louise Kay, Miss Rachel Miller, Miss Lois Miller, Miss Beatrice Hawkins, Miss Laura Smith, Miss Louise Magee, Miss Alice Pennock, Miss Sallie Hill, Sallie Speer Dunbar, Miss Virginia Wright, Miss Louise Speer, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Mesaler, Mr. and Mrs. Russell K. Forsyth, Jarvis Geer, Bissell Speer, Jerome Hill and Lucian Hill.

After the play, "If I were King," the party drove to the Frick building, where supper was served in the Union cafe. The guests were seated at one large table in one of the private dining rooms and covers were laid for 40. The decorations consisted of American Beauty roses.

McIlwain—Trinler.

Miss Edna McIlwain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. McIlwain of the East End, was married to Charles M. Trinler of New York at high noon yesterday at the residence of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. W. Orange of the Church of the Ascension. The wedding was a very quiet affair, none but the relatives and a very few intimate friends being present. The bride was gowned in a white renaissance robe over white silk, and chiffon. She carried American Beauty roses. Her only attendant was a small niece, who acted as flower girl, carrying arms full of Roman hyacinths. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served, the bride and groom then making their departure for the east, where they will spend their honeymoon. After January 15 Mr. and Mrs. Trinler will be at home at their residence, No. 27 West One Hundred and Fourth street, New York.

Stevenson—Waugh.

At the home of the bride in Dithridge street and Grant boulevard last evening at 7 o'clock the wedding of Miss Mary Isabel Stevenson and John Ferris Waugh was held. The Rev. Thomas Walters performed the marriage ceremony. It was a quiet home wedding. The house was handsomely decorated. In the parlors, where the marriage was solemnized, the decorations consisted of pink roses and southern smilax. The dining room, where the bride's table was set, was in white and green, the flowers being white chrysanthemums caught with loops of white chiffon. The bride wore a gown of white mousseline over white silk and trimmed with rose point lace. She carried white bride's roses and lilies of the valley. After an extended western trip, Mr. and Mrs. Waugh will make their home in Ingram.

Sewickley Women's Club.

The last meeting until after New Year's of the Woman's Club of Sewickley was held yesterday afternoon at the Edgeworth club. It was artist's day, Mrs. Robert Wardrop presiding. The honor guest was Miss Anna Caulfield of Grand Rapids, Mich., who delivered a most delightful lecture on "Paris," her talk being illustrated by means of a stereopticon. A large number of the members were in attendance yesterday.

Miss Caulfield was honor guest at a luncheon given by Mrs. Alexander Laughlin at her home in Quaker Valley at 1 o'clock yesterday. Covers were laid for eight, the guests including the officers of the club, and the party proceeded from luncheon to the meeting at the club house.

Mrs. Robinson's Tea.

Mrs. William C. Robinson will give a tea on Saturday afternoon for her friends and her mother's friends. This will be Mrs. Robinson's first entertainment since her marriage, last spring, and will be conducted in the Laughlin house in Lincoln avenue, which Mr. and Mrs. Robinson occupied this fall, after an extended wedding trip and a summer at "Franklin Farm," the country place of the Hon. B. F. Jones. Their Lincoln avenue house was the former home of her father and mother, about which cluster associations peculiarly interesting.

Pittsburgh Quartet Will Sing.

The Young Men's Christian association rooms in Sewickley will be open to all members and their men and women friends on New Year's night, very enjoyable entertainment having been prepared for the evening. The Apollo quartet of Pittsburgh, which is composed F. A. Davis, Dr. E. E. Davis, John H. Roberts and George F. Wagner, will be present, and will be assisted by Earl C. Bush, pianist, and W. H. Stevenson, reader.

Quarterly Meeting Held.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary society was held in the First Presbyterian church, Arch street, Allegheny, yesterday morning. Reports of the various committees were heard. During the past three months the receipts of the society amounted to $3,070 25, and much of this has been spent in mission work. The next meeting, which is the annual one, will be held in the Shadyside Presbyterian church on the last Tuesday in March.

Home for the Holidays.

This morning the trains from the east will bring a number of the girls and boys home for the Christmas holidays. Harry Darlington, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Darlington; Harmar Denny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harmar Denny; Elliss Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton W. Phillips' son; Joseph Dilworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Dilworth, and the Blair boys, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Blair, are expected to arrive this morning. All are attending St. Paul's school in Concord, N. H.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

Samuel B. Rohn	McKeesport
Emma F. Sapo	McKeesport
Joseph Neish	Duquesne
Mary A. Seager	Duquesne
Robert L. McMillan	Bridgeville
Ella Imbrie	Esplen
George E. Williams	Hays
Ellen Whatton	Hope Church
Christian Gottwald	Pittsburgh
Mae Stevenson	Pittsburgh
William Holliday	Fayette City
Catherine Lightfoot	Braddock
Robert Robertson	Homestead
Ellen Charlton	Homestead
Add Patterson	Canonsburg
Mary E. Clark	Canonsburg
Richard Johnston	Rankin
Florence West	Pittsburgh
Herman H. Thoerner	Pittsburgh
Annetta D. Breen	Pittsburgh
John Metcalf	Allegheny county
Rachel M. West	Sandy Creek
Amost Staudenmeyer	Allegheny
Florence Ellenberger	Allegheny
James K. McNeily	Waynesburg
Daisy M. Adamson	Waynesburg
Ira H. Black	Carnegie
Georgia Keenan	Carnegie
George P. Kohl	Sheridanville
Hester Cunningham	Elizabeth
John J. Guyon	Johnstown
Mosey Bedillion	Huston
William F. Dowden	Pittsburgh
Mildred A. Hurst	Allegheny
Charles P. Foster	Swissvale
Minnie Richter	Swissvale
George W. Glasser	Pittsburgh
Catherine E. Baumbach	Pittsburgh
William H. Wallace, Jr.	Pittsburgh
Mamie E. Harper	Pittsburgh
Charles L. Campbell	Pittsburgh
Rachel Mosley	Pittsburgh
Anthony Monaghan	Pittsburgh
Corletta Henderson	Allegheny
William T. Mahaffey	Indiana county
Sarah Edmundson	Allegheny county
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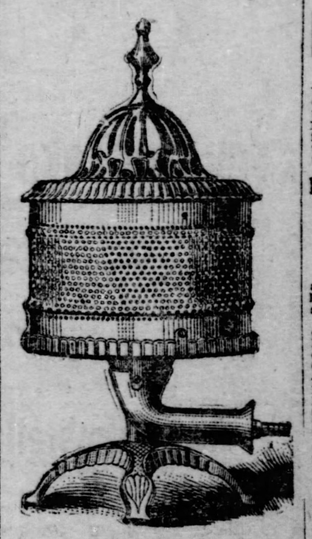

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OPERATORS OPEN CASE

Their Chief Counsel Claims He Will Show That Anthracite Workers Fare Better Than Men Men Employed at Mills.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

SCRANTON, PA., Dec. 17.—The anthracite coal operators opened their side of the controversy with the mine workers today before the strike commission and the attorneys who are on record before the commission as representing the non-union men, who have been admitted to the arbitration scheme began calling witnesses.

Simon P. Wolverton, counsel for the Reading company, who delivered the opening address on behalf of all the large coal companies, made the point in his address that the recognition of the union is not an issue before the commission, which brought out a protest from Mr Darrow. The latter claimed that if it were not, then the operators should be forbidden from presenting testimony that tended to show the union was responsible for all the alleged violence committed during the strike.

The alleged unfairness of the wage statements came to the notice of the commission as a result of its inquiry into the child labor question in this vicinity. Several little girls testified on Monday that they worked all night in a silk mill in order to help their fathers along, who were employed in the mines and received poor pay.

Testimony Surprised Commission.

Yesterday Everett Warren, who represents the Erie company, in whose mines some of these fathers worked, handed to the commission a memorandum showing that one father last year received about $1,400 for himself and laborers, and that the other father received $1,090 for himself and laborers.

At the opening of the session today the miners placed the two parents on the stand, and they swore that the earnings mentioned was divided among from four to six men. This testimony surprised the commissioners and Judge Gray asked if the figures on the memorandum were taken from the wage statement already filed by the company with the commission, and Mr. Warren replied in the affirmative.

Chairman Gray then requested counsel for the company to indicate in its statement handed up, whether the figures given are for one or more men.

"We do not say it shakes our faith in the statement," he continued. "Unless you can show that there are none of these cases, such as are suggested by this testimony, it will very materially shake our faith in it."

The miners here rested their case, and Mr. Wolverton formally opened the operators' side of the controversy by reading the following statement, which represents the views of all the large coal companies.

Conditions Not Similar.

All the anthracite coal in the United States is found in a few counties of Pennsylvania. The conditions of mining are so different in different fields, and even in the same mine, that it is not practicable to adopt any uniform method of mining for the whole region. The respondents will show that it is the acknowledged purpose of the United Mine Workers of America to organize all coal mine employes and thus form a monopoly of the labor needed for the fuel supply demanded by the comfort and prosperity of the American people.

After the strike settlement of 1900 union men refused to work with non-union men, and there were over 100 strikes in one year in various parts of the anthracite region.

The respondents concede the right of labor to organize for its protection, but they feel that to be subject to any control of a bituminous coal organization, composed of boys as well as men, would end in the ruin of the anthracite coal business in Pennsylvania.

The respondents will show that after the settlement of 1900 there was apparently concerted effort on the part of the miners to restrict the output, evidently to prevent the producers from accumulating a stock of coal to meet emergencies, such as floods, and strikes, and when the strike was ordered in May there was less than one month's supply of coal in the market.

The rate of wages in the anthracite region is not 40 or 50 per cent lower than in the soft coal region, but actually higher. It will be shown that the average earnings of all employes of manufacturing establishments, covering 300 different classes, skilled and unskilled labor, is below the average earnings of the miner in the anthracite coal region. It will be shown that the system by which coal is weighed is the only method that can be adopted, and that the miners and laborers do not now work eight hours, but, in the majority of cases of miners, less than six.

LARKIN ANSWERS MANDAMUS WRITS

The Controller Reiterates Former Charges in Relation to Reservoir Contracts.

Five returns to the alternative writs of mandamus in the Highland reservoir cases were filed yesterday in common pleas court No. 2 by Attorneys W. B. Rodgers and George W. Guthrie, representing Controller John B. Larkin. The answer is not unlike the affidavit filed by the controller in the peremptory mandamus cases.

After admitting the undisputed facts in the matter, Controller Larkin recites the law covering his duty in relation to the reservoir contract and charges that the work was not completed according to the time in the agreement, and that under the penalty clause, the city is entitled to $146,000. He states that he expects to prove that there was without authority of the law, and in fraud of the rights of the city, an arrangement made between the director of the department of public works and the Mercantile Trust Company and Keeling & Ridge, by which the company was permitted to substitute for the material specified, other material of a cheaper quality.

Water in the reservoir will be turned into the big main in Butler street at 10 o'clock this morning in order to allow the engineers to make an inspection of the walls of the basin. The work probably will be completed next week, and will allow the report being submitted to the director of the department of public works a week later.

FIVE CROWS IS DEAD.

Distinguished Himself by Betraying a Rival Chief to Whites.

PENDLETON, ORE., Dec. 17.—Five Crows, a noted Umatilla Indian chief, has been found dead near Athena. He was 70 years old and distinguished himself in the Bannock war of 1878 by killing the famous Indian chief, Eagan, of the Snake Indians.

He betrayed Eagan into the hands of the Umatillas, who were friendly to the whites, and they cut off his head, carrying it in triumph to the United States troops. The Snakes were so enraged that they gave battle to the troops on a plain and were so badly defeated that the invasion ended.

ALL MUST PAY 5 PER CENT TAX

Corporations Committee Will Pass Electric Light Bills on This Basis.

MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

Chairman McNeil Says There Will Be No Discrimination and That the Local Field Will Be Open to Competition.

The joint corporations committee of councils meets tomorrow night to approve three ordinances that were taken out of the hands of the franchise committee at the last session of common council and referred to the corporations committee for action. Councilman George W. McNeil, chairman of the corporations committee, stated last night that the ordinances of the City Electric Company, the Pennsylvania Light, Heat and Power Company and the Pittsburgh Time and Signal Company would be reported affirmatively to common councils.

The Pittsburgh Time and Signal Company is a concern that wishes to establish a messenger service in the city. The City Electric Company and the Pennsylvania Light, Heat and Power Company are asking for the privilege of entering the city to compete with the Allegheny County Light Company, a branch of the Philadelphia Company.

J. N. Pew, president of the Peoples Gas Company, is also president of the City Electric Company, and ex-Mayor Charles Geyer of Allegheny is at the head of the Pennsylvania Light, Heat and Power Company, which has a plant in operation on the North Side.

Pew Bill to be Amended.

The Pennsylvania Company has a section in its ordinance which provides that it shall pay an annual tax of 5 per cent on its gross receipts. Dr. McNeil stated last night that the committee would probably amend the ordinance of the City Electric Company by inserting in it a similar provision. The compensation clause in the City Electric Company's bill states that the company will be subject to any tax that may hereafter be levied by any general ordinance taxing all corporations of a like character.

This offer is based upon the probability of the city taxing the Allegheny County Light Company. If the courts decide that existing companies cannot be taxed, the City Electric Company expects that its franchise will also escape taxation.

Chairman McNeil said last night: "I am in favor of making all three ordinances alike in respect to compensation, and make all pay a 5 per cent tax. The committee should pass all of them in this shape and open the local field to all companies that wish to come in on this basis. All that councils can do is to see that its interests are protected and that franchises are paid for and leave the competing companies to make the fight among themselves. We have no right to discriminate."

Only Three Bills Up.

Chairman McNeil stated that none of the railroad or street car ordinances pending in the committee's hands will be taken up at tomorrow's meeting. It was reported that the Baltimore & Ohio and the Morningside street railway ordinances would be considered, but this Chairman McNeil denies.

The special corporations committee of select council meets this afternoon to take up the Wabash ordinance and the ordinance of the Pennsylvania railroad for the Brilliant cut-off. A large number of objecting property owners are expected to be present to protest against the Pennsylvania line through the Twenty-first ward.

The decision of the superior court in annulling the city smoke ordinance has interfered to some extent with their plans and they are obtaining legal advice to ascertain if a provision can be inserted in the Pennsylvania ordinance that will abolish the smoke nuisance.

Pennsylvania Plans to Revive Old Project

The Pennsylvania railroad will revive the old Homer City & Susquehanna railroad, a scheme of a quarter century ago, abandoned when the Vanderbilts and the Pennsylvania made an agreement and the completion of the new famous Beech Creek system was given up.

The Homer City & Susquehanna's old route, along which rights of way still exist, held down by solitary rods of track scattered here and there through Indiana county, will be followed, and the new line will connect Homer City, on the Pennsylvania's Indiana branch, with Cherrytree, on the Cambria and Clearfield division. The line lies along Twolick creek, a tributary of the Conemaugh, to the sources of the north branch of that stream, in Fleming's Summit, between Hillsdale and Cookport.

There either a stiff grade or a tunnel will give it connection with the water grade on Cush Cushian creek, which empties into the Susquehanna at the historic old Cherrytree. Thence a road is already building to Burnside, where connections are made with the Pennsylvania & Eastern and the Beech Creek.

The coal land along Twolick creek has been largely optioned by M. W. Saxman of Latrobe, generally understood to be a Pennsylvania agent, and a corps of engineers is now working on the line for the road, which is to be built next summer. The road which is to be built next summer. The northern end of the road, from Fleming's Summit to Cherrytree, is already graded, the work having been done years ago for the old Homer City & Susquehanna. The route through Cherrytree affords the lowest grade crossing of the Alleghany mountains in this state. The length of the projected line is about 20 miles.

Railroads Seek East Liverpool.

East Liverpool, O., is now receiving from the railroads a great deal of attention. The Pennsylvania has found it necessary to double-track the Cleveland & Pittsburgh division, on which East Liverpool is situated. To do this in the town itself, ordinances are now before its councils. There is promised in return a handsome new passenger station. The Wabash also is eager to get into that territory. It is likely that the Wabash lines to Lake Erie near Ashtabula, planned for several months, will pass through East Liverpool. As told in The Gazette some months ago, a syndicate composed of Myron T. Herrick, Washington Connor and others closely allied with the Gould railroad interests, propose to extend the old Pittsburgh, Lisbon & Western east and west, south and north. The connection with the Pittsburgh, Toledo & Western will be made near Jewett, O. The line north from that point will tap the pottery and sewer pipe plants.

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I. G. Rawn on Inspection.

I. G. Rawn, the new general superintendent of the Baltimore & Ohio at Pittsburgh, is expected in this city today to take up the office work. Mr. Rawn spent yesterday inspecting the Connellsville division with its various branches, from all of which the Baltimore & Ohio receives a large tonnage. On account of his previous lack of acquaintance with the details of the duties incident to his large territory, he is making himself thoroughly familiar with all parts of the Pittsburgh grand division of 1,700 miles.

Railroaders' Wages Advanced.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 17.—The Ann Arbor Railroad Company today announced a general advance of from 5 to 7 per cent in the wages of all employes of the system. This makes a general advance of 10 per cent during the past year.

RAILROAD NOTES.

J. K. Dillon, district passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines, returned to Pittsburgh yesterday from a trip to California.

The Pennsylvania has purchased for $10,000 about 14 acres of land in the west end of Wellsville, O., for increased yard room.

S. C. Brown has been appointed assistant engineer of the Baltimore & Ohio at Pittsburgh, vice R. R. Lukens, transferred to Cumberland.

Capt. Calvin Pierce, agent of the Lake Shore at Youngstown for many years, has retired on pension. He is succeeded by Carl Kaletsky, who has been chief clerk in the office.

Col. T. E. Watt, district passenger agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, announces a rate of one fare for the round trip to Harrisburg for the inauguration of the governor.

E. B. Pryor, assistant to President Ramsey, of the Wabash, in charge of the auditing, spent yesterday in Pittsburgh on his semi-annual visit here, checking up the accounts of the Wabash extension. He represents the Pittsburgh & Toledo syndicate in this matter.

J. J. Brooks, Jr., chief clerk to Division Freight Agent J. J. Koch, of the eastern division of the Ft. Wayne, has resigned that position to become assistant traffic manager for the Harbison-Walker Company. He is a son of J. J. Brooks, general counsel for the lines west.

New Trial for Howard.

FRANKFORT, KY., Dec. 17.—The court of appeals has granted James Howard a new trial. Howard is under sentence of life imprisonment for the Goebel murder.

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Bronze Clock Ornaments, in horse, dog, lion, head and heroic designs. Prices 50c to $2.85.

Boys' Nickel-Plated Watches, stem-winding and stem-setting, for $1.25.

Boys' German Silver Watches, with fine Swiss movements, for $4.50. Hunting Case Watches, $5.00.

Ladies' Chatelaine Watches, with fine Swiss movements, in German silver or enamel, some of them inlaid with designs in gold and jeweled, for $2.98, $3.98, $4.98, $6.00 and $6.98.

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Men's Smoking Jackets, in plain tricots and broadcloths, satin or sateen lined; also in gold cloths with neat plaid backs, for $2.75, $4.00, $5.00, $6.00 and upward to $12.00.

Smoking Tables or Stands, in black walnut or ebony finish, with attached ash receiver, match box, cigar holder and burnt match tray, for $1.89, $1.98, $2.39 and up to $6.98.

Imported German Tobacco Jars, box or barrel shape, with artistic and grotesque figures on the covers, $1.50 to $3.98.

Porcelain Tobacco Jars, in head, animal and other unique designs, 25c to $2.25.

Ash Receivers, in china, glass, silver-plated, etc. Some with attached cigar rests, $1.50 to $3.98.

Fine Leather Cigar Cases, 50c to $2.00.

Smokers' Sets on silver-plated tray—cigar holder, ash receiver and match box—from $1.25 to $3.50.

Sterling Silver Match Boxes, $1.00 to $2.25. Silver-plated Match Boxes, 25c to 50c.

Sterling Silver Cigarette Cases, $5.00.

Does He Shave Himself?

Men's Shaving Stands in antique oak with two drawers for razors, strop, towels, etc., a closet for the shaving mug, bay rum and other toilet accessories, for $6.00.

Men's Quartered Oak Shaving Stands, with two closets to hold the toilet accessories, $8.00.

Silver-plated Shaving Mugs, with tray for lather and brush holder, $1.25.

Shaving Brushes, with sterling silver handles, $1.00 upward.

Shaving Mirror, consisting of magnifying glass on an ebony standard, with plain glass on the opposite side (reversible) for $4.98.

Easel-back Shaving Mirrors and Standard Mirrors from 50c upward.

Shaving Paper, with burnt leather cover, 50c.

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A Glimpse of the Delights of the Doll World.

Dolls are a ground-floor feature, of course—occupying one of the most cheerful corners in the store. Such an overflowing population of little people that parents find it well nigh impossible to entice the children away—once they catch sight of the display. Doll furniture, for the most part, is Down Stairs with the Toys and Games.

Rag Dolls for the baby to play with—the kind you can't break, for 50c.

Kid Body Dolls, 22 inches long, jointed at hips and knees with shoes and stockings, for 89c.

Infant Dolls with long dresses, very pretty, for 69c.

Doll Heads, 29c to 69c. With movable eyes and real hair, 50c to $1.39.

Doll Parlor Sets, sofa, two arm chairs, four side chairs, footstool and parlor table, 50c to $2.00.

Doll Fur Sets—boa and collar, 50c, 75c, $1.00.

Doll Parasols, 25c to 89c.

Doll Hats in red felt, 25c and 39c. In leghorn, 35c and 50c.

Doll Houses, 75c to $5.00.

Doll Carriages and Go-Carts, 25c to $4.50.

Doll Furniture, per piece, 10c to $2.25.

Doll Trunks, 50c to $2.50.

Doll Hammocks, 25c and 50c.

Doll Neckwear, beads and locket, 25c.

Doll Knives and Forks, steel with white bone handles, 10c per set.

Doll Knife, Fork and Spoon Sets, in white metal, 10c.

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Toilet Mirrors, with easel backs and nickel or gilt frames, from 25c up.

Toilet Mirrors, in fine gold plate, swinging bevel glass on easel frames, $1.69 to $4.50.

Hand Glasses, with gold-plated frames, bevel French plate, ring or handle, from $1.69 to $2.75.

Triplicate Mirrors, in oak, ebony, nickel-plate and gilt frames, with embossed leather or celluloid backs—the kind that give you three separate views of yourself, $2.00 to $8.98.

Cheval Glasses—Full length mirrors for dressing room—in oak or mahogany—finished frames, square or oval, with bevel French plate glass, $26.00...

Mantel Mirrors, to form the back of the mantel, size 18x40, in oak and gold or all-gold frames, $10 and $12.

Bath Room Mirrors, in solid oak frames, bevel French plate glass, $1.50 to $4.00.

Hall Glasses, with double brass hooks, $1.48 to $10.00.

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—Men's 44-in. "Windproof" Coats, $5.00.
—Boys' "Windproof" Coats, $4.50.

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If, however, any man invests $7.50 in an Overcoat or a Suit of Clothes in our Men's Department, he will get a Nickel-plated Stem-winding and Stem-setting Watch FREE OF CHARGE. And the same thing will happen to the boy for whom somebody spends $3.50 for an Overcoat or Suit—the only difference being that the boy's watch, although nickel-plated and a perfect timekeeper, is not stem-winding and stem-setting. This will be an everyday feature until Christmas.

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WADDELL'S NEW JOB

Harry C. Pulliam, the newly-elected president, secretary and treasurer of the National league, is in the city and will remain here until Saturday night, when he starts for his old home in Kentucky to spend the holidays. Harry came direct from Washington, where he had been in consultation with Nick Young over the league records and other matters pertaining to the presidency.

With the arrival of Pulliam came a number of reports as to the future action of the league. One of the most widely discussed reports was that there is to be a consolidation of interests between the National and American leagues, from which will grow a new 12-club organization. This report will not be news to Gazette readers, as it was foretold in the dispatches to this paper from New York when the National league magnates first proposed peace. There was also a story from Cincinnati, given on the authority of President Herrmann, who is chairman of the National league peace committee, who made the statement that Pulliam a presidency may grow out of the meeting of the peace committee.

This is taken to mean a 12-club organization, to be made up on lines which will be satisfactory to the club owners in both organizations, and in which each will have an equal representation. In case such a plan can be brought about a new head for the organization would be the most likely thing to be decided on and this new head might be either Ban Johnson or Pulliam. When shown the statement made by President Herrmann, President Pulliam intimated it was a fair statement of the National league's position at present, but further than that he would not discuss the matter.

Pulliam admitted having paid a visit to Baltimore, but said there was no significance attached to it, as he had gone there to look over the playing grounds under control of the league and to endeavor to arrange for their use. He said that the official averages of the players which should have been issued months ago, but which were delayed by the illness of Nick Young, will be given out for publication within the next month. Pittsburgh followers of the game are deeply interested in this year's averages, because it is thought they will show Beaumont to be the league's leading batsman.

Rube Waddell, the hero of Butler county, is expected here within a day or two with his trunk packed ready for a trip to Florida, which will last from the middle of March to May. The left-hander has secured a fine position, thanks to Mr. W. C. Temple of this city, and it is that of coach for the baseball team which is made up of the students of Rollins college, located at Winter Park, Fla., where Mr. Temple has a fine winter home. The engagement of Waddell is a suggestion thrown out by Harry Pulliam.

The new president of the National league spent a couple of months last winter in Florida and umpired one of the games between the Rawlins college team and a team from the Stetson university of Florida. For this game it seems that the Stetson team was loaded, having on it several players from the University of Chicago who were winding up in Florida. This defeat and the manner of bringing it about rankled in the bosoms of the Rawlins boys and they want to get even.

It happens that Mr. Temple is a trustee of Rawlins college, and the students' appeal to him for help to down their enemy, was not in vain. Mr. Temple at once sought out Waddell, who readily consented to the proposition made him to coach and occasionally pitch for the Rawlins team. Pulliam is pleased over the college team's acquisition of Rube, but he had one fear and that is that Rawlins may be unable to produce a catcher able to handle Waddell's delivery. This problem may be worked out by Mr. Temple in a way that will include a catcher, as well as a pitcher, for the team.

An effort on the part of President Dreyfuss to put on a jag on President Pulliam, failed most ingloriously. As announced in this column yesterday, since the demolition of Pulliam the owner of the Pirates has been flooded with letters from parties anxious to take the place made vacant by the new league leader. These missives continued to arrive by the heavy mail yesterday, and by 5 o'clock there was a stack of applications almost two feet high. Mr. Dreyfuss suggested to Harry that inasmuch as his term as secretary and the Pittsburgh club has not yet ended, it was only fair for him to answer the writers and furnish reasons why they could not be appointed to his place. Pulliam not only entered an emphatic objection, but fled from the club office in disgust.

WILLIAM MORRISON,
Manager, Captain, Coach and Forward of the Tigers of Allegheny.

OLD-TIME RIVAL TEAMS WILL MEET

Homestead and Braddock Basketball Fives Will Battle for Supremacy.

Homestead and Braddock will have it out on the floor of the Fifth Avenue opera house, Homestead, Saturday evening. This is the first of a series of five games for the championship and should serve to bring out a big crowd of rooters. The rivalry between the towns is intense and no matter in what kind of a contest their representatives meet in there is sure to always be a hot battle.

The Homestead team this year is in the Interstate league and on Tuesday evening demonstrated to the Butler team that they are healthy aspirants to the championship. Adams, their new player, is a members of the Young Americans of the Homestead Library league, and is said to be a comer. He will in all probability be given a chance to show what he is made of at the game Saturday night.

Manager Cartwright has a strong team in Braddock this year and thinks he will be able to down Homestead. His players are Scritchfield, centre; Vance and Rosenbloom, guards, while Spigelmire and Hinderer will be on the forward line. Manager Haley of Homestead is sure his team will be able to down the Braddockites when they meet. There will be a preliminary between the Crescents of the Homestead Library league and the Sharpsburg Juniors of the Country league.

BASKET BALL NOTES.

The Trinity A. C. challenge all 14 to 15-year-old teams. For games address Earl Burton, care South Penn Oil Company, Vandergrift building, Pittsburgh.

The Mt. Oliver Juniors defeated the Knoxville A. C. Tuesday night at the Mt. Oliver Turner hall, by the score of 10 to 9. The feature of the game was the all around playing of the home team, Miller, the star center of the Juniors, played his usual good game, scoring six out of the 10 goals.

The Pittsburgh academy second basketball team has organized for the season and desire games at home for afternoons and away from home evenings. They would like to arrange games with Allegheny Prep., Beaver College Prep., Carnegie H. S., Geneva Prep., McDonald H. S., Carnegie Junior, Braddock H. S., Homestead H. S. and Homestead III. teams. Address Milligan Kilpatrick, Pittsburgh Academy, corner Ross and Diamond streets, Pittsburgh.

The W. R. Black's Casinos were defeated by the Homestead Juniors in one of the finest games ever seen at Homestead. The home team won the game on fouls, making 10 points on their 10 chances. The Casinos lost 4 points on 4 goals, which the referee decided were thrown from out of bounds, and two of their best players were put out of the game in the first half for disputing the referee's decisions.

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New Orleans Stewards Ferret Out the Real Culprits.

IOWA CLUB TO BLAME

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—In the investigation of the riding of W. Hicks, who was suspended yesterday, the stewards have uncovered the bookmaking firm of Stitzel & Grefer as the instigators of the boy's crooked work in the saddle. They have, therefore, suggested to C. S. Bush, steward of the Western Jockey club, that W. Stitzel and F. J. Grefer, operating under the title of the Iowa club, be ruled off the turf. The stewards also suggest that the suspension of Jockey W. Hicks and his employers, Hatfield and Owens, be continued and Hicks' valets be denied all privileges. The weather was clear and the track heavy. Tillo was the only beaten favorite.

First race, six furlongs, selling—Suburban Queen, 105, Hoag, 7 to 2, won; Lord Touchwood, 111, Cogswell, 8 to 1, second; Rankin, 105, Pollack, 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:17. Judge Cantrell, Zealotry, Varna Fonso, Mathilde and Enhance also ran.

Second race, seven furlongs, selling—Alfred C. 122, E. Williams, 9 to 2, won; Charles Ramsey, 122, C. Wright, 9 to 1, second; Judge Magee, 122, J. Conley, 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:34 1-5. Tillo, Gin Sway, Polly Bixby, Ben Frost and Guntana also ran.

Third race, six furlongs—The Lady, 117, Treanor, 4 to 5, won; Shoofly, 95, Waugh, 15 to 1, second; Fair Lass, 88, H. Gilmore, 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:18. Axa, Insolence, Hanover Queen and Optional also ran.

Fourth race, six furlongs—Kittanning, 113, Gannon, 9 to 10, won; Mrs. Frank Foster, 100, Fitzgerald, 13 to 1, second; Pride of Galore, 103, R. Rice, 9 to 2, third. Time, 1:17 2-5. Farmer Jim and Lord Melbourne also ran.

Fifth race, mile and an eighth, selling—Scotch Plaid, 98, Treanor, 7 to 5, won; Erne, 105, Otis, 10 to 1, second; Trocadero, 9 to 7—Helgerson, 7 to 2, third. Time, 2:02 3-5. Knight Banmaret, Compass, Hianeur and Joe Doughty also ran. Banish left at post.

Sixth race, seven furlongs, selling—Playlike, 122, Gannon, 7 to 1, won; Jerry Hunt, 122, Donegan, 6 to 1, second; Arafona, 122, Dammey, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:31 3-5. Tickful, Dandie Belle, Peat, Bluff and Peter Duryea also ran.

The following are the entries for tomorrow:

First race, 2-year-olds, six furlongs—Surprise, 97; Marco, 95; Candereon, Irene Mac, Epidemic, 100; Brookston, Oronte, 105; Sontag, 110.

Second race, six furlongs, 3-year-olds and upward, selling—Lemoyne, 92; Aipack, 97; Chorus Boy, Brown Vail, 102; Andes, Harry Wilson, 103; Bummer, 107; If You Dare, Antonius, 110.

Third race, one mile, 3-year-olds and upward, selling—Ravomen, Simeon, 107; Lord Pepper, 115; El Rey, Jerry Hunt, Gray Forest, Vestuvia, Maid of Ehid, Judge Magee, 117; Lord Neville, Rowdy G. 120; Alfred C. 122.

Fourth race mile, all ages, handicap—Prince of Endurance, 85; Woodford, 96; Major Mansir, 100; Hunteress, 102; C. B. Campbell, 105; Jessie Jarboe, 110.

(* Coupled as Simonds' entry.)

Fifth race, five furlongs, purse—St. Tammany, 97; Crescent City, 99; Herodiade, 102; Grantor, Tom Kingsley, 104; Benmora, 99; Midnight Chimes, 104; Smile, 107; Death, Okla, 109; John Peters, 112; Potente, 114.

Sixth race, mile and a sixteenth, selling—Pothoen, 92; Athelia, 94; Pearlfinder, 96; Dutch Carter, 98; Swordsman, 101; Optimo, 102; Commissioner Forster, Pay the Fiddler, False Lead, Heroics, 103; Shut Up, 105; Joe Doughty, 106.

ANOTHER FOOTBALL SUIT.

Shadyside's Manager Wants to Recover Cash Paid Out.

Another suit growing out of the late football season was entered yesterday, when Edward M. Oug, manager of the Shadyside Academy team, brought action against David J. Berry to recover $50.

The money was alleged to have been given to Barry for the use of the Colosseum field, when he had no control over it, and Shadyside's manager was forced to pay a rental to other parties who had possession of the park.

THE LITTLE FELLOWS PUT UP FAST GAME

Manchester Juniors Won Their First Game from Nationals by Clever Work.

The Manchester Junior basketball team won its first league game last night at Glendrew hall, defeating the Nationals by the score of 31 to 3. Manchester took the lead at the start and not only maintained it but steadily increased it, winning the first half 14 to 3. Euwer scored a goal from field and Stern one from foul. This was the extent of the National's scoring, as they failed to connect again.

Tannehill threw most of Manchester's goals, getting six from field and three from foul. Alton was substituted for him in the latter part of the second half and caged the ball in about 10 seconds after taking his place. O'Neil had hard luck in throwing goals from field, having several which seemed sure scores. The game was played under the National rules and the way the Manchester guards and center dribbled the ball was a caution. Reiter was the strongest for the Nationals in this respect, breaking in on his opponents' team work and taking the ball down to his goal time and again, but try as he would, he could not pocket it.

The Nationals put up a strong game, considering the fact that this was their first real game and proved a tougher proposition for Manchester than the score would seem to indicate. This victory puts Manchester in the lead of the Junior league race, with the Sterling five. Following is the line-up and score:

Manchester Jr.—31.	Nationals—3.
Tannehill-Alton.	Right forward	Love-Stern
O'Neil	Left forward	Kiefer
Thompson	Center	Thompson-Reiter
King	Right guard	Reiter-Euwer
Hassler-Burry	Left guard	Tiernan

Goals from field—Tannehill 6, King 3, O'Neil 2, Alton 2, Thompson 1, Euwer 1. Goals from foul—Tannehill 5, Stern 1. Referee—Graham. Scorer—T. Byers.

STANDING IN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Team.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Manchester Jr	1	0	1000
Sterling	1	0	1000
Homestead	0	0	.000
Bouquet	0	0	.000
Sharpsburg	0	0	.000
Superior Jr	0	0	.000
Riverview	0	0	.000
South Side	0	0	.000
Nationals	0	1	.000
Tigers	0	1	.000

The Sterlings will play the fast South Side Juniors next Friday night, December 19, at Concordia hall, Allegheny. These teams are two of the strongest in the league and the contest between them should be a good one. A preliminary will be played by the Tigers of Allegheny and the Quaker A. C. Manager Billinger expects a large crowd.

Eby Will Meet Clearwater.

William Clearwater challenged Grant Eby last night to defend his title for the championship of the world. Clearwater has placed $50, the necessary forfeit money, with the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company. Eby accepted the challenge and will play the game in Pittsburgh the latter part of January.

Weston Still in the Lead.

Weston still holds his lead over Eby in their 600-point match at the World's Fair pool room. The score by innings:

	Totals
Eby	3 0 0 0 13 5 5 15 3 14 11 15 2— 85
Weston	12 15 14 15 1 6 10 0 11 0 2 0 13—100

Referee—Mr. Gamble.

Failed on First Mile.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 17.—Oscar Hedstrom attempted to lower the motor-cycle record for 10 miles at the Coliseum today. He failed to make the first mile, but after that up to and including the eighth, he lapped seconds from each. The time for each mile was: 1:13 1-5, 2:28⅘, 3:43 1-5, 5:00 2-5, 6:18 1-5, 7:33 1-5, 8:50, 10:06.

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IN the court of common pleas, No. 3, No. 625, November term, 1902.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the construction of a main sewer on Wickline's lane, from Spring Garden avenue to Cowley street, Thirteenth ward.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

S. A. PURVIS,
D. O. BARR,
J. H. DAWSON,
Viewers.

IN the court of common pleas, No. 3, No. 617, November term, 1902.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the construction of a lateral sewer on Ella street, from a point 80 feet north of Hargnett street to Parkview avenue, Twelfth ward.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1902, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

J. G. REED,
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MANHATTAN FIELD.

Brush Says It Can Be Rented by American League.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—According to the statements made by President Brush, of the New York baseball club, it appears that there is a very good understanding that the baseball war is over, and that the rival factions know just how affairs stand.

Mr. Brush says that the American league can have the use of Manhattan field, the ground for which the National league has been paying $15,000 yearly to keep it from falling into the opposition's hands. When a National league magnate knows that his association is ready to give such a plum to a rival organization it looks as if an understanding had been reached by the warring factions, although officially the strife is still on.

Mr. Brush has come out with the statement that the American league could rent Manhattan field. He said: "I know that several National league clubs are willing to let the American league assume the responsibility of paying the rent of Manhattan field. So far as the New York club is concerned, there would not be the least objection."

COLORED BALL PLAYER.

May Cause Trouble Between Annapolis and Harvard.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Dec. 17.—Arrangements have been made for the baseball candidates of Harvard university to practice for a week this spring on the grounds of the naval academy. This will take place the week of April 11 to 18, and there will be one match game and a practice game on the other days with the naval academy nine. Harvard practiced a week last year with the midshipmen, and it resulted in great benefit to the navy team.

A possible complication may appear from the presence of Matthews, the colored shortstop of the visitors, though it is not thought that Harvard will attempt to put him in against the Annapolitans. Not only the southern midshipmen, but the other members of the nine would not care to play in case the colored youth was pitted against them. Matthews was here with the Harvard squad last season and played while the visitors had the field to themselves.

BONUS WILL PLAY.

Famous Baseball Players Will Tackle Basketball.

The Lyceum and Carnegie teams of the Allegheny County league will open the season at the Lyceum hall this evening. The Carnegie team will have the Wagner boys and Flaherty, famous baseball players, in their lineup, and there will be a large crowd to see Bonus shooting them in.

The Lyceum boys are in good shape. Lewis, one of their star players, has been on the sick list, but is getting around all right and will probably be in the lineup. There will be a preliminary game at 7:30, and the big game will start immediately after. Lineup:

Lyceum.		Carnegie.
Thompson	Forward	Seibel
Lewis	Forward	Flint
Gusler	Center	Staley
Parker	Guard	Wagner
Cashdollar	Guard	Flaherty

MUST MEET WALCOTT.

Mathews and Ferns Have a Hard Job Before Them.

Manager Billy Corcoran in matching Matty Mathews and Rube Ferns, both of whom have been the welterweight champion, has made a match pertaining to welterweight division what McGovern and Young Corbett are to the featherweight, that is, the best of their respective classes, if the color line is drawn, thus throwing out Joe Walcott.

In looking over all the welterweight timber now today Matthews and Ferns look the best of the class of white boxers in that grade, and the winner sooner or later will have to clash with Walcott. Ferns, it is known, when he has cleaned up all the white boxers, will take another whiz at Walcott, in which event he will box him in a different style from when he last met him. Should Matthews win over Ferns and he is very confident that he will, notwithstanding Rube's extreme confidence, Matty will in all probability meet Walcott.

The match of next Monday night promises to be the most evenly contested that ever was held anywhere in the country. It is a tossup, both being terrific hitters, clever, and neither can afford to be caught napping.

PROPERTY IN SEVENTH WARD BRINGS $20,000

Two East End Deals Amount to $39,000--Second Avenue House Changes Owners--A Better Building Record.

Through the agency of Samuel W. Black & Co. the properties at Nos. 23 and 25 Federal street, Seventh ward, have been sold for about $20,000. The lot measures 40x122 feet, and has erected on it two brick houses of eight rooms each in front and three brick dwellings in the rear. The purchaser, whose name was withheld, bought for an investment.

Isaac Sachs appears as the broker in the sale of the Thirza McGlaughlin property in Fifth avenue, near Craig street, which was sold for $12,000. The lot is 48x82 feet and is improved with a 14-room house. It was bought by A. C. Stein and J. A. Levy, who take the property for an investment.

Through the W. H. Ekivington Company, Robert B. McIntosh has bought from W. H. Shevington an improved property 20x142 feet, at No. 35 Thomas street, near Homewood avenue, Twenty-first ward, for $20,000.

Joseph R. Woodwell and others sold to David Gilbert an improved property 16x160 feet, on the northwest side of Walnut street, near South Highland avenue, Twentieth ward, for $19,000. The property adjoins that of Mary N. Brown.

W. L. Scott & Co. of Allegheny prove to have been the brokers in the sale to Frank McCann of the Stephen Newburn property at Nos. 1 and 3 Federal street, Allegheny, for $50,000, mention of which was made in The Gazette yesterday.

Conley Plot a Bargain.

The sale of the Conley holdings at the northeast corner of Penn avenue and Seventh street, detailed mention of which is made in another column, is thought by real estate men to be an example of another of the good bargains that are to be found in downtown real estate. The 75 feet of Penn avenue frontage sold brought $215,000, or $2,866 a front foot. The Second Presbyterian church property on the opposite corner is held at $300,000 for 100 feet, or about $3,210 a front foot, although the lot is somewhat deeper. According to brokers who have orders for large blocks of frontage in this vicinity, $4,000 a front foot would not have been an exorbitant figure for the corner sold. Through the offices of George T. McDonald the Prudential Trust Company has sold to C. C. Hamilton the property at the northeast corner of Stanton avenue and Negley avenues, Nineteenth ward, for $30,000. The lot is 85x140 feet and is improved with a center hall brick house. The property sold by John C. Crosby to the East End Mantel & Tile Company is a 2-story frame house on lot 85x125 feet, at the corner of Grandview avenue and Republic street, Thirty-third ward, for $10,000.

Harriett D. Barrett of Chicago has sold to Ella Rollins a property on the south side of Second avenue, near Cherry alley, Second ward, for $15,500. The lot is 30x70 feet and is improved with a two-story brick house.

Brighter Building Prospect.

The building record took a turn for the better yesterday, permits having been taken out amounting to $44,500. The largest of these was for six brick houses to be built for Anton Haleland at the corner of Gross and Cypress streets, Twentieth ward, at a cost of $13,500. Other permits were granted as follows: J. N. Graham, a brick stable at Dinwiddie and Ross streets, Eleventh ward, $8,000; Oswald Werner, a brick workshop in Bryant street, Nineteenth ward, $5,000; Harry Moore, two frame houses at Saulsbury and Sterling streets, Twenty-seventh ward, $4000; and a store and dwelling on the same plan, $3,000; Elmer Colworth, two frame houses at Richield and Mathilda streets, Nineteenth ward, $2,000; and Oswald Werner, a brick house in Bryant street, Nineteenth ward, $2,000.

Allegheny: Joseph McNaugher sold for Frank C. Armstrong to William J. Ritchey a 20-room brick house, lot 25x120 feet, at No. 840 Western avenue, Allegheny, for $6,750. He also sold for Thomas McBride to John F. Schimmer a six-room frame house, lot 25x100 feet, on the south side of Drum street, near Wilson street, Tenth ward, Allegheny, for $3,000. Also to E. E. Douglass, a similar house, lot 22x103 feet, at No. 1012 Irwin avenue, Second ward, Allegheny, for $1,425.

Knoxville: Hartman Schauer & Co. sold for Albert J. Schauer of Monongahela City to Mrs. Lillie Kurtz two lots, 25x100 feet each, in the Knoxville Improvement Company's plan, for $2,500.

West Park Still Selling.

McKees Rocks: Haas & Laulinger sold for Martsolf & Baker to Hailie A. Myers a two-story frame house, lot 30x100 feet, in Russellwood avenue, West Park plan, McKees Rocks, for $3,200.

Nevin: Highland avenue: H. S. A. Stewart sold to John B. Singley a lot, 46x182 feet in the west side of North Highland avenue, near Margaretta street, Nineteenth ward, for $8,000.

Taylor street: D. Behen & Son sold for August Bold to Anton Gruber the property at No. 225 Taylor street, a lot 20x120 feet, improved with a brick and frame house, for $4,000. Also for Michael Daly of Westernport, Md., a lot 85x158 feet, in Steuben street, near Twenty-fifth street, for $4,500. The buyer is a business man who proposes to build on the site.

Belmar Place: George H. Shickler sold to W. P. Prescott and Homer F. Shrunk two 10-room brick houses, on lots 23x93 feet each, on the west side of Mt. Vernon street, Twenty-first ward, for $3,850 each. He also sold to W. H. Beighel dwelling residence on a lot 25x93 feet, on the south side of Mt. Vernon street, same ward, for $3,750.

Good Residence Sales.

Kentucky avenue: A. B. Coleman sold to Joan Liggett a lot, 82x100 feet, on the north side of Kentucky avenue, near South Highland avenue, Twentieth ward, for $5,500.

Center avenue: David Blair sold to Robert S. Gloss an improved lot, 20x94 feet, on the south side of Center avenue, Twentieth ward, for $4,000.

Fifth avenue: William P. Keel sold to Sarah Gunts an improved lot, 20x95 feet, on the east side of Fifth avenue, near McPherson street, Twenty-first ward, for $4,200.

Edmund street: Ella Coleman sold to Herman Walter an improved lot, 30x122 feet, in Edmund street, Sixteenth ward, for $2,250.

Liberty avenue: Ephraim McDowell sold to Alois Kosanetz an improved lot, 20x100 feet, on the south side of Liberty avenue, near Ella street, Sixteenth ward, for $5,500.

Janney street: Charles M. Johnston sold to McCausland Harrison a lot, 55x101 feet on the east side of Janney street, Eighteenth ward, for $2,450.

BIG IMPROVEMENT ALMOST COMPLETED

Double-Tracking of P. V. & C. Tunnel Will Be Finished Next Week.

The first and most important part of the $1,000,000 improvements planned by the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railroad between Brinton and Homestead will be completed next week, when the tunnel at Port Perry will be double-tracked after a year's work by the H. S. Kerbaugh Company.

The improvement in the tunnel was considered the most difficult part of the whole work, as the contractors were to perform the work of enlarging the hole for two tracks without interfering with the operation of trains. The work is nearly complete and the finishing touches will be added next week, after which the erection of an addition to the bridge, which spans the Monongahela river at Port Perry, and the grading and placing of additional sidings, will be commenced.

The steel for the addition to the bridge arrived yesterday and the work of erecting it will be started early next week and will be rushed to completion. A large force of men will start work on the Brinton yards which are to be transformed into the largest commodity yards west of the Alleghenies and will have room for 1,500 cars.

Other extensive improvements, in conformity with the general plan of improving the Monongahela division, were started this week at Munhall, where Drake & Stratton begin work for an additional track and the erection of a station and office building. The new track is to be placed on the south side of the present roadbed and will necessitate the erection of a retaining wall. The old station is to be raised and a brick and stone building erected in its place.

The improvements are all to be completed early next spring and officials say will render freight congestion a remote contingency.

THE THREE RIVERS.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—At 6 p. m. the river marked 46.5 feet, a rise of 5.8 feet during the past 24 hours. The loss to the coal fleet, which was swept away from the Hall landing last evening, cannot be estimated, as the property is made up of several different items. The owners were T. J. Hall of the Hall Towboat Company, Peoples Coal Company of Pittsburgh, A. K. Budd & Co. of Pittsburgh, C. Tutte & Co. of Pittsburgh and the Republic Coal and Iron Company of Pittsburgh. The aggregate loss will be about $50,000. The crafts are scattered as far down the river at Patroit, Ind. The Iron Age and Jim Moren arrived today from Pittsburgh with coal, which will be taken below. The bulk of the Pittsburgh fleet is due in the morning. Capt. Ira B. Huntington of Gallipolis has been appointed special freight and pass agent of the Pittsburgh & Cincinnati Packet Company.

EVANSVILLE—River rising here; stands 34 feet.

LOUISVILLE—River rising, with 22 feet in the canal, 20 feet on the falls and 46 feet at the foot of the locks.

CAIRO—River 22.8 feet on the gauge tonight, a rise of 2.0 feet.

PADUCAH—Gauge 28.4 feet, a rise of 4 feet.

WHEELING—Rive r22 feet 6 inches and rising.

STEUBENVILLE—Rive r23 feet 1 inch and rising.

HUNTINGTON—River 40 feet 1 inch and rising.

MARIETTA—River 25 feet and falling.

PARKERSBURG—River 27 feet and falling. About 2 feet expected by Storrow tonight.

MT. CITY—River 12 feet and rising.

GREENSBORO—River 16.3 feet and falling.

WARREN—River 2 feet 7 inches an dstationary.

POINT PLEASANT—River 35 feet 2 inches and stationary.

MORGANTOWN—River 16 feet and falling.

MEMPHIS—The river here stands 10.2 feet on the gauge, a rise of 1.6 foot in the last 24 hours.

Arrivals.

Queen City, Sanford, Cincinnati.

Departures.

Queen City, Cincinnati, O.

Packets Leaving Today.

Sun Hur, Parkersburg, 4 p. m.

At 11 o'clock last night the stage of water at Davis Island dam was 17.2 feet and stationary.

News of the Rivers.

John D. McCandless yesterday received the first load of his pilot's papers on the Monongahela river.

The steamers Lorena and Greenwood are due in port tonight. The Greenwood leaves tomorrow for Charleston.

The Queen City, departing last night for Cincinnati, carried a large number of small packages for Christmas gifts.

The Hornet No. 2, the flagship of the Pittsburgh coal fleet, was the first to arrive at Cincinnati with her coal tow.

The Mariner and Josh Cook were due in port last night with empties. The Tom Dodsworth, Planet, Pacific, Joseph Walton and other towboats will depart just as soon as they can get fleets made up.

The smagboat H. G. Wright left Memphis yesterday for Vicksburg on her trip down from Cairo she destroyed 38 snags.

The towboat Jennie Gilchrist, which was sunk on a sandbar opposite Cairo several weeks ago, has become a total wreck.

Capt. Samuel S. Brown has been taking life easy of late and has not been giving as much attention to river business as he used to.

The high stage of water on the Monongahela river did some damage to the new locks and dams now being built on the upper end of the stream.

The river at St. Louis is almost free from floating ice and rivermen expect that the channel will remain open for several more weeks. Last season it closed on December 16.

The towboat Harvester, which is in port undergoing some slight repairs, will depart this morning for Steubenville, where she will hitch into her tow of coal and proceed south.

Capt. Ottendorfer of New Orleans is at Paducah, where he is superintending the repairs on the New Reliance, which was lately bought by a company in New Orleans, of which he is a partner.

The towboat Jim Wood, owned by the coal combination, is reported to have hit a bridge pier at Beaver while on her way south and sunk, as a result of which the Beaver bridge is a very bad place when the river is high.

The Dravo Construction Company is making great preparations to build lock and dam No. 2 on the Allegheny river, for which it was awarded the contract, and work will begin as early in the spring as the stage of water will permit.

Capt. E. J. Howard, who is now finishing the large black hulled steamer for the Missouri Southern railway for use at St. Genevieve, on the upper Mississippi, received new instructions from her owners which changes her name from Carolina to Ste Genevieve.

The steamer Dowler, in charge of Capt. Frank Parmley, will leave Louisville this week and proceed to Rosa Claire, Ill., where she will take on several barges of rock to tow to the Mississippi river jetties, 118 miles below New Orleans, to be used by Uncle Sam on improvements there.

A New Martinsburg, W. Va., resident yesterday sent to the steamer Queen City a dollar bill enclosed in a letter, stating that it rightly belonged to the boat. It is said by the captain conscience money ever received by any steamer and the letter and money will be framed and hung in the office of the boat.

Colonel James A. Henderson of the Pittsburgh and Cincinnati packet line, is paid East Liverpool a visit this week and hopes to be able to have the town council take up the matter of paving the wharf at that place. He had several interviews with the authorities upon the wharf is one of the most important between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

Steamboatmen are now more concerned about the conditions of the river at Cincinnati and Louisville than they are at Pittsburgh. The river is almost at flood stage at Cincinnati, and it is stated that the Pittsburgh boats that are on their way there with coal tows will have great difficulty in landing and the delays will probably be the rule for a few days.

Gen. Herrera at Panama.

PANAMA, COLOMBIA, Dec. 17.—(Copyright Cable.)—Gen. Herrera, accompanied by several members of his staff, arrived here today on the gunboat Beriaca. Public order has not yet been established.

NOT DUE TO CLIMATE.

Catarrh Is Found Everywhere.

Catarrh is at home anywhere and everywhere. While more common in cold, changeable climates, it is by no means confined to them, but is prevalent in every state and territory in the union.

The common definition of catarrh is a chronic cold in the head, which if long neglected often destroys the sense of smell and hearing; but there are many other forms of the disease, even more obstinate and dangerous.

Catarrh of the throat and bronchial tubes as well as catarrh of the stomach and liver are almost as common as nasal catarrh and generally more difficult to cure.

Catarrh is undoubtedly a blood disease and can only be successfully eradicated by an internal treatment. Sprays, washes and powders are useless as far as reaching the real seat of the disease is concerned.

Dr. McIverney advises catarrh sufferers to use a new preparation, sold by druggists, called Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, because actual analysis has shown these tablets to contain certain antiseptic qualities of the highest value and being an internal remedy, pleasant to the taste, convenient and harmless, can be used as freely as required, as well for children as for adults.

An attorney and public speaker, who had been a catarrh sufferer for years, says:

"Every fall I would catch a cold which would settle in my head and throat and hang on all winter long and every winter it seemed to get a little worse. I was continually clearing my throat and my voice became affected to such an extent as to interfere with public speaking.

"I tried troches and cheap cough cures and sometimes got relief, but only for a short time, until this winter when I learned of the new catarrh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, through a newspaper advertisement. Two 50-cent boxes which I bought at my druggists, checked my head and throat in fine shape and the guard against a return of my old trouble I keep a box of the tablets on hand and whenever I catch a little cold I take a tablet or two and ward off any serious developments."

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets deserve to head the list as a household remedy, to check and break up coughs and colds, because unlike many other catarrh and cough cures these tablets contain no opiate, cocoine or any injurious drug.

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PORTER—First-class bar porter. Call at Hotel Morin, 3716 Forbes st., city.

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WANTED.

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MALE and female help supplied. WALKER, 410 Duquesne way. Tel. 2302.

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SEE COMMONWEALTH REAL ESTATE AND TRUST CO.
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HENRY W. ARMSTRONG,
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$14,000, rents for $1,500. Brick building of 8 rooms and large store room, on corner, brick dwelling of 6 rooms and 2 of 4 rooms each, all adjoining. The four houses are all in good condition, and have halls, baths, both gases, etc. This is an excellent investment.

S. ARNOLD, 434 Fourth ave.

(Estab. 1872. Oldest real estate firm in city.)

FOR SALE.
SUBURBAN PROPERTIES—
CHOICE LOCATION.
Six miles from city, 4 minutes from R. R. station, 10 minutes from electric line; water and sewer; all modern improvements. Will sell at very close prices rather than rent.
$8,500—Brick and shingle house, 11 rooms; large lot.
$9,000—Frame house, 10 rooms; lot 75 feet front.
$12,500—Frame house, 11 rooms; lot 100 feet front; stable.
HENRY W. ARMSTRONG,
26 Federal st., Allegheny.

TEN PER CENT INVESTMENT.
Six dwellings on Butler street, near Sharpsburg bridge; lot 120x130 feet; terms $2,500 cash and remainder mortgage; this is a bargain; price $12,500; great demand for houses in the locality. See
REAL ESTATE TRUST CO.,
311 Fourth avenue.

FOR SALE—Fine new reception-hall brick house; reception hall, parlor, dining room, kitchen and pantry on first floor; four large rooms and fine tile bathroom on second floor; two large rooms on third floor; hardwood floor in reception hall; all nicely papered; fine cemented cellar, good furnace, laundry, instantaneous water heater and everything that goes to make a complete modern home; price only $5,750; terms reasonable.
J. H. O'DONNELL, 433 Fourth ave.

ALLEGHENY, Perrysville ave. district; $1,900, frame, hall, 5 rooms, fine condition. Immediate possession.
$2,600—Frame, 6 rooms and bath; good house; possession at once.
Also Bellevue property, $4,000; frame, 9 rooms; all modern improvements; paved street; possession at once.
FEDERAL REALTY COMPANY,
First Nat. Bk. Bldg., Federal and Parkway.

FOR SALE—
NICE WILKINSBURG RESIDENCE.
Nine rooms, finished attic.
Bath.
Toilet.
Furnace.
Large lot; immediate possession.
JAS. W. DRAPE & CO.,
425 Fourth ave.

$4,400—New house of 6 rooms, hall and modern conveniences; lot 25x160 feet, in a spiendid locality; only 15 minutes' ride from city.
BLACK & BAIRD,
Opposite postoffice.

FOR SALE—My house in Wilkinsburg.
is well built; good as new; paved street, good home for Westinghouse man. Write E 78, The Gazette.

FOR SALE—Very desirable Bellevue home; latest improvements; select location; owner needs money. Address X 73, The Gazette.

East End Residences.

$5,000—Bond st.; brick houses; 6 rooms, hall, hardwood mantels, gas, bath room, laundry, chandeliers; lot 35x100 feet; terms monthly.

$7,500—Horner st.; buff brick; 10 rooms, reception hall and modern improvements; lot 40x115 feet; possession immediately; terms easy.

$3,500—Euclid ave.; frame house; 6 rooms, side hall, modern improvements, shrubs, lot 22x125 feet.

BLACK & BAIRD,
410 Fourth ave., Opposite Postoffice.

FOR SALE.
An exceptionally well built house, fine appearance; center hall, 14 rooms, finished in artistic and complete way; several bath rooms. Very latest fixtures; corner lot. Shadyside district. Lately finished ready for immediate occupancy. For permit to examine same see Commonwealth Real Estate & Trust Co., 327 and 329 Fourth ave.

Business Properties.

BARGAIN—$1,000 cash, balance easy terms—Note: site and 7-room brick residence, on Butler st.; this property will pay 6 per cent on $10,000; can be bought now for $4,800.
THE JAS. MURTHA CO., 51, 329 Fifth ave.

FOR SALE.

Allegheny Residences.

FOR SALE—
GOOD ALLEGHENY DWELLING.
Eight rooms, finished attic.
Bath.
Toilet.
Furnace.
Everything in prime order.
Possession at once. Easy payments.
Four minutes from the parks.
JAS. W. DRAPE & CO.,
425 Fourth ave.

Farms.

FOR SALE—55-acre farm, Shaler township, with plenty of water, frame house of seven rooms, barn and all necessary outbuildings; will sell as a whole for $300 per acre, or will sell in parts to suit, at the same price; terms can be made to suit the purchaser; this land being so handy to the Millvale cars, it is really a bargain at $500 per acre; would suit excellently to lay out in building sites, cemetery or institutions of kind; this price will only hold good for a few days. Specialators, here is your chance. For further particulars see
THOS. M'CAFFREY, EXCLUSIVE AGENT,
No. 3509 Butler st.
Both 'phones.

FOR SALE—Farm 72 acres, Indiana township, 2 miles from Harmarville, West Penn railroad; two veins coal; low price to quick buyer. Wm. F. Dice and John K. Dice, executors, 913 Main st., Allegheny Pa.

Manufacturing Sites.

MANUFACTURING SITE.
Manufacturing property in lower Allegheny and convenient to city proper; 150x125 feet; 3-story brick buildings; corner two good streets, with alley; this property must be bought cheap.
REAL ESTATE TRUST CO.,
311 Fourth ave.

Coal Lands.

FOR SALE—10,000 acres of coal land, adjoining the P. R. R.; 17 feet of good coal at a depth of 200 feet. G. H. Dorrie, Harrisburg, Ill.

FOR SALE—380 acres of superior coal land in Southern Illinois, on railroad. Address Allen Hileman, Anna, Ill.

Real Estate—Special.

BARGAINS ON HILLTOP.
$200 cash, $16 a month, interest included; frame, 4 rooms, hall, 2 porches, cellar; lot 20x102 to alley; square from paved street and car line; price $1,600.
MUST BE SOLD QUICK.
Frame cottage, 6 rooms, cellar, porches, warm gas; 2 lots, corner, 50x150; street and sidewalk paved; 5 cars pass. Only $3,000.
JAMES A. GRIFFITH,
5 Arlington ave., Hilltop.

FOR SALE.
$4,100—Frame house, 7 rooms; hall, slate mantels, sliding doors, bath room, vestibule, front and rear porches, furnace, water heater, chandeliers; street paved and sewered; lot 37½x100 feet to an alley; possession in 30 days.
BLACK & BAIRD,
410 Fourth ave., opposite Postoffice.

Business Opportunities.

BUSINESS of all kinds bought and sold; partners secured for established business, etc.; all transactions strictly confidential.
W. J. KIRK, Room 1109 Arrott Building,
Wood st. and Fourth ave.

BUSINESS of all kinds sold, partners secured for established bushess, stock companies organized and industrial enterprises financed; all business strictly confidential.
THE PUBLIC TRUST CO., 236 Fourth ave.

GROCERY STORE—Located in the East End; doing a business of over $1,200 per month; rent, including living rooms, $37.50; price, $1,500.
W. J. KIRK, 1109 Arrott building.

FOR SALE—A first-class stock of drygoods; will invoice about $3,500; will exchange for a property owned by us.
HOWICK THOMPSON CO., 347 Fifth ave.

RESTAURANT—One of the best in the city; doing a business of over $3,000 per month; rent $125; room 27x140; price, $1,500.
W. J. KIRK, 1109 Arrott building.

BARBER SHOP—Downtown, 6 chairs and fine outfit; does from $450 to $800 per month; price, $2,400.
GRACIE & NOAH, 431 Fourth ave.

CIGAR STORE—Centrally located; doing a business of over $200 per week; rent $14; price, $500.
W. J. KIRK, 1109 Arrott building.

PAPER ROUTE—In city; sells 800 daily and 650 Sunday papers; clears $35 per week; price $1,400.
GRACIE & NOAH, 431 Fourth ave.

MEAT MARKET—In city; established 5 yrs.; doing $1,000 week; rent $40 mo., including 5 living rooms; price $800. CAVANAGH CO., 431 Fourth ave.

RESTAURANT—Good stand; has rooming house attached; price $300.
ROYAL REALTY CO., 904 Park Bldg.

FOR SALE—Cigar and confectionery store; must be sold at once. Address box 254, Turtle Creek, Pa.

IF you want to buy or sell any kind of business, see CAVANAGH CO., 431 Fourth ave.

BUSINESS CHANCES—Send for list. Estep & Co., 326 Fourth ave.

BUSINESSES of all kinds bought and sold. See ROYAL REALTY CO., 904 Park Bldg.

Machinery.

—AUTOMATIC ENGINES—

20"x36" x36" (180 H. P.), L. H., McIntosh & Seymour.
24"x20" (150 H. P.), R. H., Buckeye.
20"x26" (250 H. P.), C. C., Greene.
16"x16" (175 H. P.), C. C., Greene.
15½"x15" (175 H. P.), C. C., Armington & Sims.
15"x14" (150 H. P.), C. C., Ideal.
13½"x18½"x15" Cross Compound (250 H. P.), Armington & Sims.
14"x20" (225 H. P.), R. H., Greene.
13"x13" (110 H. P.), C. C., Ball.
12"x14" (160 H. P.), L. H., Russell.
11½"x18½"x13" Upright Cross Compound (175 H. P.), Armington & Sims.
10"x14" (60 H. P.), R. H., Ide.
6"x6" (10 H. P.), C. C., Ball.

—CORLISS ENGINES—

36"x72" (1,400 H. P.), R. H., Corliss Steam Engine Company.
30"x30" (700 H. P.), R. H., Hamilton Corliss Engine Company.
24"x36"x48" Tandem Compound (800 H. P.), L. H., Philadelphia Corliss Engine Company.
24"x24" (400 H. P.), R. H., Smith-Boggs & Rankin.
23"x60" (350 H. P.), L. H., Corliss Steam Engine Company.
20"x30" (250 H. P.), Heavy Duty Cross Compound (900 H. P.), Allis.
17"x36" (190 H. P.), L. H., Greene.
16"x36" (180 M. P.), L. H., Greene.
12"x24" (60 H. P.), R. H., Scott.
Also a complete line of throttling governor engines manufactured by standard engine builders.

WICKES BROTHERS,
Office, 809 Frick building.
Warehouse, 45th st. and A. V. R. R.,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

ENGINES.
32x54 and 28x60 Corliss.
20x24 Automatic.
12 and 24x24 Cross Compound.
24x36 and 12x20 Mackintosh & Hemphill.
BOILERS.
8—60x16 Boilers.
2—175 H. P. B. & W.
6—42x20—Two Flue Boilers.
MISCELLANEOUS.
44"x30", 30"x10" and 16"x10" Lathes.
42"x8' Lathe, 13" Chuck; 2 Planers.

STOCKS OPENED FIRM, CLOSED IRREGULAR

Sugar, St. Paul, Pennsylvania and U. S. Steel Were the Active Features of a Professional Market---Local Stocks Firmer.

By JOHN O. BAGLIN, Financial Editor.

There was much irregularity in the eastern stock market yesterday, and the dealings were largely professional. If the theory is accepted that the large financial interests are directing their efforts toward keeping speculation within narrow limits until the monetary outlook is clearer, then the market acted in a logical manner. At the opening considerable strength was displayed, and the sharp losses which occurred just before the close on the previous day were recovered. The break late Tuesday was accelerated by the fear that some serious development was impending in the Venezuelan matter, and the failure of the news to confirm these apprehensions, and the private and public advices from London to the effect that no disturbance had occurred in the markets there and that foreign financial circles expressed no anxiety over the outcome, accelerated the recovery during the morning session yesterday. The activity, however, was confined to a few specialties which are now looked upon as indicators of investment and speculative sentiment. Pennsylvania, St. Paul, Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and the Steel stocks were the firmest in the early dealings, while the largest advance of the day was scored by Sugar. Regarding the latter the rumor was revived that the company had absorbed the principal competitor in the beet sugar trade. Amalgamated Copper was also firmer, the monthly statistics of the trade being construed as bullish. Domestic production for November decreased 855 tons, compared with the October output, while foreign production decreased 630 tons. Exports from the United States decreased about 1,600 tons, compared with October, but were 4,548 tons larger than for the corresponding month last year. The Steel stocks averaged a point higher for both the common and preferred. In the pool stocks, Reading, Southern Pacific and Baltimore & Ohio were strong and higher, presumably on the covering of shorts put out as a sort of safeguard against forced liquidation. During the afternoon the trading became rather dull, due in part to the fact that telegraphic communication with the country had not been fully restored and dealings for outside account were restricted. In the closing half hour many stocks lost all the early gains, but there was no decided weakness and Sugar closed within a fraction of the top price.

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There was an easier feeling in the money market, the rates on call loans ranging from 6 to 4 per cent, with the average about 5 per cent, and the supply apparently equal to the demand. The sub-treasury statement showed a gain to the banks of $524,000, reducing the net loss to the banks since last Friday to $265,600, which is the smallest loss for any corresponding period in several weeks. Sterling exchange was easier, there being an increase in the offerings of cotton bills, as well as of finance bills, which are offered daily, indicating that foreigners are not half so anxious for the liquidation of the loans made to this country as some of the financial authorities have represented. The figures contained in the report of the comptroller of the currency, showing the condition of the banks on November 25, the date of the last call, a summary of which was printed in this department yesterday, were a subject of interesting discussion in financial circles. These figures showed that between September 15 and November 25 the loans and discounts of all the national banks reporting increased $22,000,000. This increase occurred during a period when liquidation in the stock market was almost continuous. The inference is that instead of paying off loans to domestic banks, borrowers reduced their obligations abroad, which would at the same time help to account for the strength of sterling exchange during that period.

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Judged by the action of the market, the public took a favorable view of the absorption of the Union Sharon Steel Company by the United States Steel Corporation, the stocks of the latter averaging an advance of $1 a share for both the common and preferred. Considering the total issue and the amount of purchases required to move the great bulk of the transaction, the rally was regarded as a favorable expression on the deal. Locally, much interest was felt in the matter. One prominent financier expressed the opinion that the purchaser would receive more cents on the dollar's worth of property than in any acquisition made at the inception of the great corporation or since. The fact that something like $10,000,000 cash would be spent in consummating the plans for the completion of the works was looked upon as fortifying Pittsburgh's position as a manufacturing center, while the elimination of what promised to be the most formidable competitor of the big corporation was favorably commented upon by stockholders of United States Steel. It was suggested that one of the local consequences that might grow out of the deal would be the consolidation of other enterprises under the leadership of the chief interests in the steel companies just absorbed. Having transferred their iron and steel interests to the control of others, it was hinted that Messrs. Frick and Mellon would now be at liberty to turn their attention to another deal, the feasibility of which had been informally discussed from time to time, for combining the soft coal interests of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio.

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Although transactions on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday fell off to 4,501 shares stock and $5,000 bonds, the tone of the market was firmer, and final changes show more gains than losses. United States Steel common was active and strong, advancing to 32¾, closing at an advance of ¾ per cent for the day. The preferred was inactive and shaded off a fraction at the close. Crucible Steel common sold at 17⅜@17¾, while the preferred was firmer, closing at 83¼, ex-dividend of 1¾ per cent, equivalent to a net advance of ½. The coal stocks were extremely dull and nominally unchanged. Window Glass was firm and higher on the final settlement of the differences between the manufacturers and the jobbers, the common advancing to 51¾ and closing at the top. Westinghouse Electric second preferred, after selling at 93¼, reacted to 94¾. Fire Proofing preferred was firmer, rallying to 36½. Commonwealth Trust sold at 233, an advance of 8 per cent over the last previous sale, and Western Savings and Deposit was also higher at 115. The bond list was quiet and unchanged.

Holders of Investment Securities

In the shape of bonds recommended and offered for sale by the bond department of the Colonial Trust Co., 317 Fourth avenue, are afforded a substantial and reliable income.

PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

Transactions on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday aggregated 4,501 shares stock, $5,000 bonds and 1 4-20 rights. Sales:

10 to 10:30 a. m.

400 Brew. com	29¾	30 Fireproof. pfd.	36¾
100 U. S. St'l com	31¾	145-5 do	36½
10-10-16-500 do	32	60 U. S. St'l pfd	81¾
35 Brewing pfd	47	25 W. S. & D. H.	113
15 do	47	10 do	115
100 Pgh. Coal pfd	86½	5 C., R. E. & T.	233
30-15 do	86¾	5 do	233
25 Fireproof. pfd	36	50 Crucible com.	17½
50 do	36	20-25-10-15 do	17¾
190 do	36¾	40 W. Glass com	51¾

10:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

100 U. S. St'l com	32	35 Crucible com.	17¼
100 do	32¾	100 Con. Ice com.	9¾
100 do	32½	50 Phila. com.	44¾
100-100-100 do	32¾	10 Rep. Coal com	10
50 do	32¾	50 Fireproof. com	47
50 U. S. St'l pfd.	81¾	2 *Crucible pfd.	82½
5-5 do	82	2 *do	83¼
5 do	82	50 Electric 2ds	95¼
10 do	82	50 do	95
50 W. Glass com	51¼	50 Brewing com.	30¾
5 do	51¾		
50-25 do	51¾		

12:30 to 2 p. m.

10 U. S. St'l com	32¾	50 *Crucible pfd.	83¼
50 M. L. & H.	88	50-50 *do	83¾
10 do	88	8 Safe D. & T.	115
25 Pgh. Coal pfd	86¾		

2 to 3 p. m.

27 U. S. St'l pfd.	82¼	5 Pgh. Coal pfd.	86¾
25 do	81¾	25 Electric 2ds	95
50 do	81¾	10 do	95¾
30 M. L. & H.	88	50 Fireproof. pfd.	36½
15 Riv. Coal pfd	39½	25 do	36¾
50 *Crucible pfd.	83¼	50 U. S. St'l com	32¾
15 Crucible com.	17¾	50 do	32¾
30 do	17¾	50 do	32
50-20 do	17¾	10 do	32¼
15 Safe D. & T.	115	100 W. Glass com.	51¾
2 do	115	200-50-100-50 do	51¾
25 Pgh. Coal pfd	86¾		

Bonus, etc.

6-20 M. W. rts	37	$2,000 Brew. 6s	113
18-20 do	36	$2,000-$1,000 do	113

*Ex-dividend, 1¾ per cent.

Summary.

SHARES.	High.	Low.	Last Sale.	C'ge.
450 Brew. com	30¼	29¾	30¼	+¼
50 do pfd	47	47	47	0
100 Con. Ice com	9¾	9¾	9¾	−¾
205 Cru. St'l com	17¾	17⅜	17⅜	−⅜
1222 do pfd	83¼	*82¼	83¼	+2
50 F. P. com	24¾	24¾	24¾	−¼
430 do pfd	36½	36	36½	+¾
10 M'f'r	88	88	88	+1
5o Phil. Co. com	44¾	44¾	44¾	−¼
200 P. Coal pfd	86¾	86¾	86¾	−¼
15 R. Coal com	10	10	10	−¼
15 do pfd	39¾	39¾	39¾	+¾
1450 U. S. S. com	32¾	31¾	32½	+¾
224 do pfd	*83	81¾	81¾	−¼
150 W. Elec. 2ds	95¼	95¼	95¼	−¼
670 W. Glass com	51¾	51¾	51¾	+⅜
10 R. E. & T.	233	233	233	+8
25 S. Dep. & T.	115	115	115	0
35 W. S. & D. B.	155	115	115	+1
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BONDS.

$5000	Brew. 6s	113	113	113	0

RIGHTS.

1 4-20	Mon. Water	37	36	36	−3

*Two shares only. †Ex-dividend 1¾ per cent.

Closing Bids and Offers.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
STOCKS.			Bk Sec. Sav	92	....
Pgh. Bks	....	....	D. S. F.& T	279	....
Allegheny	....	135	Exchange	....	....
Arsenal	150	....	M. L. & H.	....	89
G. S. & D.	265	....	Mining.		
Keystone	370	385	Luster	....	12½
Monongahela	205	....	Railroad.		
Third Nat.	....	200	A. Val. pfd.	....	30
Trad & Mec	72	....	Electric.		
W. E. Sav	140	....	West 2d pfd	94¾	95
W. S. & D.	119	120	Miscellan.		
Federal N.	142	....	Crucible St'l	17¼	....
Trust Cos			*Do pfd	83	83¼
American	141	....	Marsden	....	4½
Guarantee	....	145	N. Fireproof	24¾	25
Pennsylv'a	....	250	Pat. Valve	36¾	36½
Real Esta.	278½	....	Phila. Co	....	44½
S. D. & T.	114½	115	U. S. C. pfd	....	145
Colwealth	231	233	W. Airbrake	170¼	....
All'y Bks	....	....			
All'y Trust	149	....			

UNLISTED SECURITIES.

STOCKS.					
A. W. G.	51½	52	P. S. & R.	3	....
Do pfd	....	88	Do pfd	17	....
Con Ice pfd	35	36¾	U. S. Steel	32	32¼
M.R.C. & C.	9¾	10¼	Do pfd	81½	81¾
Do pfd	39½	40	B.K.& L. 6s	115	116¼
Pgh. Brew	30	20½	Con. Gas 5s	....	111½
Do pfd	46¾	47	M. R. C. &		
Pgh. Coal	28	28½	C. 6s	112	112¼
Do pfd	85½	86¾	P. Brew. 6s	112¾	113
Pgh. P. G.	135	138			

*Ex-dividend.

Philadelphia Stocks.

Cambria Steel	25¾	Reading	29½
Lehigh Valley	55½	United Gas	108¾
Pennsylvania	76¾		

FEATURES OF THE DAY

IN PITTSBURGH.

Bank exchanges increased $430,000 for the day.

Eleven stocks closed at net gains and six at net losses.

Window Glass advanced to 51¾ and closed at the top.

United States Steel common led the dealings and closed ¾ higher.

Fire Proofing preferred sold at 36½, an advance of ½.

Westinghouse stocks were quiet but steady.

IN WALL STREET.

Total sales for the day were 630,900 shares.

Purchase of the Union Steel Company caused advance in United States Steel Corporation stock.

Early gains were wiped out by selling movement near the close.

Bankers' money pool discouraged speculation.

Money market continues sentimental.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

The buying of local stocks just now, while not large, is regarded as of an unusually good quality. The reason for this is that brokers are still endeavoring to do a cash business, not caring to take any chances of a flurry in the money market during the ensuing two weeks, even if they could obtain additional supplies of funds at 6 per cent. One broker related yesterday how he had been compelled to refuse a buying order for 1,000 shares Westinghouse Electric last week when the stock broke, although the order was willing and able to put up an unusually wide margin. Other brokers stated that they had plenty of customers who would buy the preferred shares of the leading industrials if they could get them carried. While there is no appreciable increase in the amount of loanable funds offering in the local market, the calling of loans has diminished and brokers feel that if the turn of the year is passed without disturbances in the eastern market, there will be an improvement here. A large amount of dividend money will be disbursed early in the year.

An effort was made yesterday on the local board to obtain quotations on United States Cigar Company common and preferred stocks, but there were no bids or offers.

Philadelphia Company new 5s were offered at 105.

North American Savings Company was offered at 130½. Western Savings & Deposit was higher at 115 bid.

But for the stringency in the money market, there would have been a greater response in United States Steel stocks to the announcement of the absorption of the Union Steel Company. The latter was looked upon as a threatening competitor, it was backed by men of experience and means, and would have been mighty nice to run a stiff fight for trade. To the suggestion, could not another set of men organize a new competitor and force a fight or an absorption at some future date, the reply is, the Sharon and the Union Companies laid their plans at a time when money was easy, and when, more to the purpose, when the conditions of supply and demand in the iron trade were more inviting than they probably will be for a long time to come. It is very doubtful if the same capitalists would today embark upon an enterprise requiring the same amount of money and time to develop as they expended upon the properties just absorbed.

The head of a Wall street house wired the following lengthy review of the stock market yesterday: "The money situation is unquestionably easier and with the bankers' pool to fall back upon, it looks as if there would be little fear of the market without any serious difficulty. But then, all of our big people, particularly our active leaders, have been severely crippled by the last few months' stringency and its attendant decline, and it will take them a long while before they will feel either strong or bold enough to again go into the market actively. Until that time, which may be a while yet, a bull market was a good way off and as a consequence we would sell on sharp rallies until some time has passed. On the other hand, as stock buying orders have been brought about by these 'scare rumors' regarding Venezuela, we believe the market to be a purchase, for we do not look for any really serious trouble, and that these sharp depressions will be short-lived."

The directors of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent and an extra dividend of 3 per cent.

The National bank of Turtle Creek will open for business January 1 with a capital of $50,000.

The report of the American Cement Company for the fiscal year ended November 30 shows net earnings of $222,500, and a surplus after all charges and 8 per cent paid in dividends, of $33,000.

When all the bonds in the Union Steel deal have been issued the funded debt of the United States Steel Corporation will stand: United States Steel debentures, $304,000,000; bonds of other underlying companies at present held by the public, $59,340,845; Union Steel bonds, $45,000,000; total, $408,340,845—a good-sized "blanket" for the industry.

The banks of Philadelphia hold an average reserve of 27.2 per cent.

If the net earnings of the United States Steel Corporation for the 12 months ending March 30, 1903, come up to President Schwab's estimate of $140,000,000, the undivided earnings for that period will amount to $33,000,000, as compared with undivided earnings of $24,443,710 reported in the first fiscal year of the company's operations. In other words the company has a balance at the end of its first two years' operations of between $75,000,000 and $80,000,000.

A New York dispatch says: "The navigation season on the Great Lakes is over, and no ore will be shipped from various ranges until next spring. As a result of the closing of navigation, the earnings of the United States Steel Corporation during the next few months will be less favorable than during the summer months. However, they are expected to be steadily in excess of the corresponding months of last year. The statement was made today that the earnings of the combine last month were in the neighborhood of $11,000,000, or about $1,200,000 in excess of the corresponding month of last year. Judging from the amount of unfilled business on the books of the corporation it would be surprising if its net earnings fall below $10,000,000 in any month from now until the opening of navigation. The net earnings reported by the United States Steel Corporation in the wane months of the last fiscal year follow: September, $7,758,208; December, $7,758,208; January, $8,901,010; February, $7,678,583; March, $9,700,000."

It is announced that the meetings held by the directors of the National Lead Company for several days past have finally resulted in a unanimous agreement to form the much discussed lead combination of all the principal lead manufacturing concerns in the United States. A definite proposition has been made of their consolidation to Messrs. Whitney, Ryan and Guggenheim for the taking over of the various concerns. This syndicate will take action on the acceptance of this proposition in the course of the next few days. There is apparently every reason to believe that the proposition will be accepted, even if only one or two of the companies which it is proposed to take in should prove to be recalcitrant and refuse to accept the offered terms to come into the combination. Under the proposed terms the cantilization of the National Lead Company, which is to be a holding company, will be largely increased. The latest figures have not yet been definitely decided upon, report had it that the capitalization would be raised to $65,000,000. Divided into $30,000,000 common stock, $20,000,000 preferred and $15,000,000 debenture bonds. The bonds, it is also reported, are to be issued in lieu of the present outstanding preferred stock of the National Lead Company and for the purchase of the plants to be taken into the new combination.

Dividends Declared.

Corn Products Company declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock, payable January 15.

The directors of the Otis Elevator Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent on the preferred stock, payable January 15.

The directors of Wells, Fargo & Co. have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent and an extra dividend of 1 per cent, payable January 15.

The directors of the American Smelting and Refining Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock, payable January 6.

The directors of the United Fruit Company have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent, payable January 15 to stock of record December 31.

The directors of Metropolitan Street Railway have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent, payable January 15, to stockholders of record at the closing of the books, December 24.

THE MONEY MARKET.

There is no change in local monetary conditions. The rate on call and time loans remains firm at 6 per cent. Clearing house comparisons:

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Wednesday	$8,926,858 65	$1,103,931 69
Last week	5,582,651 40	726,500 97
Last year	4,423,350 21	1,027,114 69

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Exchanges, $278,035,227; balances, $19,781,751.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Clearings, $23,603,438; balances, $2,543,879; money, 6 per cent.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Exchanges, $24,757,031; balances, $1,881,709.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Clearings, $30,100,350; balances, $2,185,771. Posted exchange, $4 84½@4 88. Exchange, 40c premium.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—Clearings, $8,602,170; balances, $742,418. Money steady, 5@6 per cent. New York exchange, 65c premium.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 17.—Money, 6 per cent. New York exchange, 10@25c premium. Clearings, $5,646,000.

Money on Call Steady.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Money on call steady at 4@6 per cent; closing offered at 5 per cent; time money easier; 60 and 90 days, 5 per cent; four and six months, 6 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent; sterling exchange easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 86.12½@4 84.25 for 60 days' bills, posted rates, $4 84@4 84½ and $4 87½@4 88; commercial bills, $4 82¾@4 83¼; bar silver, 48¾c; Mexican dollars, 88¾c; government bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular.

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Today's statement of the treasury balance in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption shows: Available cash balances, $298,097,880; gold, $121,309,329; silver, $56,851; United States notes, $2,731,293; treasury notes of 1890, $32,651; national bank notes, $14,180,080; total receipts this day, $1,867,679; total receipts this month, $28,085,-187; total receipts this year, $260,357,334; total expenditures this day, $1,475,006; total expenditures this year, $251,386,227; total expenditures this month, $24,626,000; deposits in national banks, $140,356,320.

BANK RETURNS.

Summary of All the National Bank Statements Made at the Last Call.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—The comptroller of the currency has compiled the following summary from the statement of all the national banks, under the call of November 25, 1902. Comparisons are here made with the last reports, and that of one year ago:

	Nov. 25, 1902.	Sept. 15, 1902.	Dec. 10, 1901
Loans and discounts:	$3,302,148,031	$3,280,127,481	$3,038,255,447
Due other national banks:	407,044,104	648,885,531	629,084,437
Due state banks and bankers:	281,071,701	285,221,330	289,161,149
Due trust companies and savings banks:	230,941,156	235,220,609	217,706,288
Due reserve agents:	36,725,916	31,013,654	32,086,013
Individual deposits:	3,152,464,809	3,200,273,804	2,964,417,965
United States deposits:	138,464,809	117,067,770	104,167,621
Deposits of disbursing officers:	8,353,604	6,846,034	5,581,236
Total deposits:	391,281,669	366,236,120	369,652,498
Legal-tender notes:	142,310,109	11,752,618	151,118,358
Total cash:	$833,591,769	$767,988,738	$520,770,856

The interesting facts in the above table are the $22,020,610 increase in loans since September 15, in spite of the heavy supposed contraction, and the increase of $25,003,031 in cash reserves. The latter is wholly due, however, to the decrease of $31,000,000 in the treasury's cash holdings during the intervening period.

The three noteworthy items in the above table compare as follows with the December returns of the national banks for two years past:

	Loans.	Ind. Deposits.	Cash.
1902	$3,308,148,031	$3,152,878,786	$533,591,769
1901	3,038,255,447	2,964,417,965	520,770,856
1900	2,776,534,643	2,823,797,622	501,807,196
1899	2,514,394,538	2,625,216,815	464,351,413
1898	2,214,394,538	2,225,216,815	464,351,413
1897	2,082,908,325	1,916,630,252	479,568,428
1896	1,881,407,457	1,623,688,334	381,514,321
1895	1,853,827,180	1,739,570,241	357,501,837
1894	1,974,623,974	1,855,485,346	374,544,915
1893	1,853,827,180	1,539,390,795	414,135,407
1892	2,143,124,883	1,764,458,177	318,641,586
1891	1,981,438,697	1,602,052,767	310,517,389

Percentage to deposits of cash on hand, redemption fund and due from reserve agents on November 25, was 26.64 per cent, which compares with 25.74 on September 15, 27.35 on July 16, 27.71 on April 30, and 29.99 on February 25, the highest point of this year. The December percentages in previous years were as follows:

	Pct.		Pct.
1901	26.71	1898	31.36
1900	23.73	1897	31.81
1899	27.15	1896	32.42

NEW YORK PRICES.

Daily range of prices reported by Messrs. Henry Sproul & Co., Peoples Savings bank building, members of New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago stock exchanges and Chicago board of trade.

STOCKS. Sales.	Open	High	Low	Close
28300 A., T. & S. Fe	80⅝	81	80	80⅜
1600 Do preferred	98½	98¾	97⅝	97⅝
Am. Cotton Oil	41¼	41½	41¼	41¾
Do preferred	97¼	97¾	97	95
62300 Am. Sugar Ref	121⅛	124⅝	121⅝	124
Do preferred	117¾	117¾	117¾	117
1200 Am. Locomotive	29¾	29½	29⅜	....
Do preferred	....	....	....	91½
4700 Am. Car Found	32⅞	33⅛	32⅝	33⅛
Do preferred	....	....	....	87½
4800 Amalgs. Copper	55¼	56⅜	55¼	55⅝
Canadian Pacific	85¾	....	....	85
2300 Am. Smelt & Ref	39⅝	39¼	39	39⅜
Do preferred	90¾	....	....	90¼
American Ice	9⅝	9⅝	9½	9⅝
Do preferred	38	38¼	37½	37⅝
16800 Balto. & Ohio	94⅝	96	94½	95⅜
400 Do preferred	94	94	93½	93
11400 Brook. Rap. Tr.	62⅞	63⅜	62⅛	62⅝
4000 Canadian Pacific	126	126⅜	125⅝	125⅞
3500 Chi. Gt. West	23⅝	24	23⅝	23⅝
1300 Consolidated Gas	208	211	209	209
200 C., C., C. & St. L	94⅜	94⅜	94⅜	94¼
14300 Ches. & Ohio	45⅜	46⅜	45⅜	45⅞
700 Chicago & Alton	31	31⅝	31	31
Do preferred	....	....	....	68
400 Chi. & Northw'n	214½	216⅜	214½	215½
3300 Chi. Mil. & Iron	75	76	75	75
Corn Product	28¼	28¾	28¼	81
Do preferred	....	....	....	81
800 Col. Southern	25⅜	26⅜	25½	25⅜
200 Do 1st pfd	68	68	68	67
700 Do 2nd pfd	41⅝	42	41⅝	40⅝
200 D., L. & West	243½	244½	243½	242½
2900 Del. & Hudson	159½	162	159	160½
18900 Erie	31	31⅞	31	31¼
1300 Do 1st pfd	63½	64	63½	62⅝
600 Do 2nd pfd	43½	43½	43¼	42¾
1100 General Electric	174	174	171	172
1700 Hocking Val	99½	100¾	98½	99
700 Do preferred	96	96	96	96
3000 Illinois Central	141	142	140¾	140¾
100 Iowa Central	36⅛	36¼	36½	37
Do preferred	....	....	....	62
200 Inter Paper pfd	71	71¼	71	71
4700 Louis. & Nash	119⅛	120⅞	119	120⅝
6400 Manhattan	143⅞	145¾	143⅝	144½
28800 Missouri Pacific	103⅛	104	102¾	102¾
900 M., K. & T. pfd	53⅜	53¾	53	53
3300 Metropolitan	137⅝	137⅞	137	137¼
2200 Mexican Central	21½	21⅞	21½	21⅜
700 National Lead	25½	25½	25¼	25½
Do preferred	92	92	92	92
100 National Biscuit	44¾	44¾	44¾	44
Do preferred	101⅝	101⅝	101⅝	101
9400 N. Y. Central	150⅝	151⅜	150	150⅝
5200 N. Y. O. & W.	27⅜	28	27½	27⅝
4000 Norfolk & West	68⅝	69⅜	68⅝	69¼
Do preferred	....	....	....	90
300 North Amer. Co	112	114	112	109
960 Peoples Gas	109⅜	109⅝	109½	109⅜
100 Pacific Mail	....	....	....	47
300 Pullman	223	225	223	224
800 Pressed Steel Car	57¾	57¾	56⅝	57
200 Do preferred	90⅜	90⅜	90⅜	89
39050 Penna. R. R.	153⅜	153⅝	152¾	152⅝
56400 Reading	84⅞	85⅜	84¾	85⅛
300 Do 1st pfd	85½	85½	85½	85
300 Do 2d pfd	75⅞	76	75¾	75
197044 Rock Island	37	38	37	37⅜
3300 Do preferred	70¼	70⅝	70¼	70⅜
1700 Republic Iron	18⅛	18⅜	18⅛	18⅜
400 Do preferred	75	75½	75	75¼
2300 St. L. & S. F.	26½	26⅝	26½	26⅞
600 Do 1st pfd	67½	68	67½	67½
53100 Southern Pacific	59¾	61¾	59¾	60⅝
11200 Southern Railway	30⅝	31	30¼	30⅝
400 Do preferred	91	91¾	90⅝	90½
69000 St. Paul	168¾	170¼	168¾	168⅝
700 St. L. & S. W.	25	25	24½	24⅜
4000 Do preferred	58	59	57½	57
700 Tenn Coal & Iron	54½	55½	53⅝	53½
1900 Texas & Pacific	36¾	37¼	36⅝	36⅝
200 T., S. L. & S. W.	27¼	27½	27	26
100 Do preferred	45½	45½	45½	45
43700 U. S. Steel	32⅜	32¾	31½	32½
20700 Do preferred	81¾	81¾	81¾	81¾
40500 Union Pacific	96	97¼	95⅝	96
2100 Do preferred	91	91¾	90¾	91
100 U. S. Rubber	15¾	15¾	15¾	15
1200 U. S. Leather	7¼	7⅜	7¼	7⅜
2000 Do preferred	87¾	87¾	86⅝	88½
U. S. Cast I. P.	19¾	19¾	11¾	12
U. S. R. & Con.	21⅜	21⅜	21	21¼
Do preferred	....	....	....	67
700 Wabash	25½	26¼	25½	25½
1700 Do preferred	39⅝	40¼	39¼	39½
2600 W. U. Telegraph	87¾	90¼	89¾	89¾
400 W. L. E.	22½	22½	22	22
Do 1st pfd	53	53	50¼	50¼
300 Do 2d pfd	31¾	31¾	31½	31
1200 Wisconsin Cent'l	23⅜	24	23⅜	23½
600 Do preferred	48¾	49¼	48¾	48

630000 Total sales for the day.

Supplementary New York Stocks.

(By Private Wire to The Gazette.)

STOCKS. Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
100 Allis. Chal Co	18	18	18
100 Am. Steel Foun	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝
500 Amer. Hide & Leath	10	9¾	10
200 Do preferred	37	36	37
500 Chi. Ter. Trac. pfd	30⅝	30⅜	30½
100 Chicago United Trac	13	13	13
300 Consol. Tobacco pfd	115	114⅝	115
300 Den. & Rio Grande	37	37	37
500 Do preferred	89	88¾	89
500 International Pump	44¾	44⅝	44⅞
500 Mo. St. F. & S. R. M.	70¾	69½	69½

NEW YORK CLOSING BONDS.

U. S. reg. 2s	107⅜	L. & N. unified 4s	101⅜
Do coupon	108¼	Mexican Cent. 4s	76⅝
U. S. 3s, reg	107½	Do 1st Inc	22⅜
Do coupon	107½	Minn. & St. L. 4s	103
U. S. new 4s, reg	135	M., K. & T. 4s	97⅜
Do coupon	135	Do 2ds	81¾
U. S. old 4s, reg	108⅛	N. Y. C. 1sts	102⅜
Do coupon	109¼	Do gen. 3½s	104
U. S. 5s, reg	103⅜	N. J. C. gen. 5s	135½
Do coupon	103⅜	North. Pacific 4s	103
Atchison gen. 4s	101¼	Do 3s	72
Do adj. 4s	90⅜	N. & W. con. 4s	95⅜
B. & O. 4s	100⅛	Reading gen. 4s	86⅝
Do 3½s	94⅛	St. L. & I. M. con. 5s	118⅜
Do conv. 4s	104⅜	St. L. & S. F. 4s	97
Can. South. 2ds	104	St. L. S. W. 1sts	93
Cent. Pac. 1sts	104⅝	Do 2ds	84⅝
Do 1st Inc	74½	S. A. & A. P. 4s	86
C. & O. 4½s	103	South. Pacific 4s	85
Chi. & Alton 3½s	79	Southern Ry. 5s	118
C., B. & Q. 4s	94⅞	Tex. & Pac. 1sts	118
C., M. & St. P. 4s	113	T., St. L. & W. 4s	75½
C. & N. con. 7s	153½	Union Pacific 4s	104
C., R. I. & P. 4s	108¼	Do conv. 4s	104
C., C., C. & St. L. 4s	96	Wabash 1sts	115⅜
Chi. Term. 4s	85	Do 2ds	107
Col. & South. 4s	91	Do deb. B	72⅜
D. & R. G. 4s	106⅜	West Shore 4s	115
Erie prior lien 4s	97	W. & L. E. 4s	81
Do general 4s	83½	Wisconsin Cen. 4s	91¾
F. W. & D. C. 1st	108¾	Consol. Tobacco	62⅝
Hock. Val. 4½s	110		

New York Curb Stocks.

(Reported by Henry Sproul & Co.)

American Can	8½	North. Securities	108⅜
Do preferred	41⅜	N. Y. Elec. V. T.	94
Bay State Gas

STEEL CORPORATION'S BIG DEAL TIGHTENS ITS GRIP

Means Strengthening in Control of Trade---Plate Pool Meets to Consider Prices---Little Significance in Waiting Iron Trade.

There is a waiting market in all iron and steel lines, to be taken as of no weighty significance, in that it comes at the logical period when all interests are avoiding overloading that might embarrass them in taking inventories. The newest comp of the United States Steel Corporation, in the purchase of the new Union Steel Company interests, will have its effect in the markets, in that it secures for the corporation the newest and most economically worked mills of the independent producers of sheets, tin plates, tubes, wire and nails.

There is no likelihood that the corporation will as a result strengthen its prices in these lines till the market justifies it. The many small independents have to be dealt with. One most important point in the evolution of iron and steel affairs is brought out in the closing of the purchase of the Union Steel Company.

The deal will add materially to the open-hearth capacity of the corporation and will provide one for its large supply of high-class scrap, which the independent open-hearth concerns find hard to procure at any price.

This is a factor which led the experts of the Union company to consider the sale. The new company had, or will have, the modern open-hearth plants, but its costly scrap made the production of wire and wire products much more expensive than for the corporation, starting with the Bessemer process.

The independent open hearth interests, having to buy scrap, will find themselves more handicapped through the consumption of the Corporation-Union deal. This will add an important card to the steel corporation's winning hand in being able to meet the minimum markets of all independent producers in many finished lines, tubes, wire, nails, sheets, tin plate and so on, through various means, the main one being its own supply of raw materials for both the Bessemer and the open hearth processes. This, with the revolutionary plans of the corporation for startling reductions in the labor costs in tin plate and tube manufacture means the continuance of a controlling attitude in the trade.

The corporation, holding its own coke and possibly in the next year, most of its ore production for its own use, will also embarrass the independent interests.

Important Epoch in Trade.

On the whole, the iron and steel industry is now passing through one of its most important epochs. With the organization of the corporation there were those who opined—and their opinion was worth something—that development in the steel trade would be a matter for Wall street and not the experts of the trade. This is now being disproved; it is more the experts and the raw material policy of the corporation that is bringing great things about than the influences of the greatest financial interests of the country.

Today the Steel Plate Producers' association, commonly called the plate pool, will meet in New York to consider trade conditions. The plate trade retains a great strength, with much more in promise through far-reaching plans for shipbuilding, yet there is doubt that these policies will be disturbed. The producers are now selling at the base prices, only for business for delivery in from four to six months ahead, and this only when the order is of good magnitude and its accompanying specifications satisfactory. The premiums of as high as $8 a ton are offered, and for business four months ahead the premiums are from $3 to $5 a ton.

Sluggish in Transactions.

The iron trade is sluggish and inquiry is dead. There has been practically no trading in iron of any kind in the past 10 days and what there was brought price concessions. In steel also there were practically no transactions.

The coke market continues troublesome. Starting with this week deliveries to the merchant furnaces were fairly satisfactory, but already they have dropped to practically nothing, and a dozen or so of the independent furnaces are down. A few have been down for a period of from eight to 10 weeks. Spot foundry coke is bringing $3 ton at the ovens, prompt furnace coke is selling at from $5 60 to $6 a ton.

The pig iron market brings forth nothing new. The Steel Corporation interest is still dealing to let merchant furnacemen have some of the coke that it will not use next year, in exchange for iron at a sharp reduction of the price under which recent negotiations were carried. It is an inviting bait, for the furnacemen, who have not covered their coke needs for next year, find themselves brought up to prices far above those at which the bulk of contract business was closed. This was at from $3 35 to $4 a ton at the ovens.

No Sales of Pig Iron.

There were no sales of Bessemer pig in the week past, the nominal price on immediate deliveries holding at about $23 at the furnaces and $21 25 for delivery through the first half of the new year.

There is little or no inquiry just now for forge iron, the nominal price for prompt shipments not for heavy contracts, in the first quarter of the new year being $21 50 a ton.

The foundry iron market is extremely quiet. Sales of 400 tons of foreign No. 2 for prompt delivery were made at $24 50 a ton, Pittsburgh. A lot of 100 tons of Virginia No. 2 was sold at $25 for delivery after the first of the year.

The steel market is inactive, nominal prices for Bessemer billets, which might be shaded, being $29 at mill and $1 and $2 higher for basic open hearth billets. There is no market for sheet and tin plate bars.

Extreme quiet maintains in the rod market, the nominal price being $35 a ton for Bessemer rods.

There is some little inquiry for muck bar, but buyers are unwilling to go above $36 a ton and sales are tied up.

The Skelp Market.

In the wider sizes of skelp the market is fairly active, but prices are in no prospect of strengthening. On iron skelp asking prices range from $1 92½ the 100 pounds on 1 x-inch grooved iron to as high as $2 15 for the sheared. Steel skelp prices are lower than iron for the narrow sizes, but range as high as $2 15 for the wider sizes.

There is still effort on the part of buyers to bring the price on common iron bar down from $1 80 to $1 70 the 100 pounds. Under these conditions there is little buying.

The urgent demand for steel rails is bringing premiums on seconds and rails for relaying. Sales of lots less than 200 tons of standard seconds have been made at $31 a ton and the same price has been secured for 60-pound rails for relaying. Prices are as follows: On standard sections, $28 for 200-ton and larger lots; $30 for carlots; $32 for less than carlots; $37 in car and larger lots for 30, 35, 40 and 45-pound; $38 for 20 and 25-pound; $40 for 16-pound, and as high as $47 for 12-pound and $55 for 8-pound.

Steel bar mills can take new business for delivery in from two to four weeks at the base price of $1 60 for 100 pounds, with basic open hearth $2 a ton higher. The Pittsburgh mills sold about 5,000 tons in the week past.

Structural Mills Busy.

Premiums as high as $8 a ton on structural material are still being offered for prompt shipments. The Pittsburgh producers sold about 10,000 tons, mostly for delivery six months ahead at the following base prices: Beams and channels, 3 to 15-inch, $1 60 for 100 pounds; beams, 18 to 26-inch, $1 70 for 100 pounds; angles, 3 to 6-inch, $1 60; 7 to 15-inch, $1 65 for 100 pounds; tees, 3 to 6-inch, $1 65 for 100 pounds.

Pittsburgh mills sold steel plates aggregating 12,000 tons in the past week, the base prices obtained on this business for satisfactory specifications and with deliveries four to six months ahead. The base price is $1 60 the 100 pounds for standard sizes.

Steel hoops are in fair demand at $1 90 the 100 pounds in lots of 200 tons and more, and $2 for lesser lots.

The carelessness of the producers of the finer lines of merchant steel and crucible continues, while the mills have orders booked ahead which will engage them for from six to eight months. Prices are as follows: Tire steel, $2 15 to $2 25 for 100 pounds; spring steel, $2 25 to $2 35; toe calk, $2 30 to $2 40. On less than 2,000 tons of a size and not less than 1,000 of three sizes prices are subject to additional 10 cents on the price for 100 pounds, and on less than 1,000 tons, 20 cents. Cold-rolled shafting quotations continue at 47 per cent off list in car and larger lots, and 42 per cent on less than carlots.

Heavy Demand for Scrap.

The demand for old material for delivery in the first quarter of next year is unusually heavy, transactions being held back, however, through high prices. Prices are as follows: Heavy melting stock, $21 to $22 a ton; No. 1 railroad wrought, $20; No. 1 railroad iron scrap, $21 50 to $22; bushings, $12 50; old steel rails, $22; steel rails for rerolling, $24 to $24 50; old iron rails, $25 50 to $26.

There is a fair current demand for tin plate, with no indication that the price of the leading producer, $3 60 the 100-pound box at mill, will be disturbed for some time.

The little flurry of independent sheet producers shading prices to rid themselves of stocks has not caused trouble. The price of the leading producer on 500-bundle and larger lots at mills continues to range from $2 75 the 100 pounds on the No. 28 gauge black sheets, and $3 85 on the galvanized.

The wire and nail trade is fairly active, with the following new prices obtaining: $1 60 a keg to jobbers for wire nails at mill; $1 80 for plain wire and $2 20 for galvanized.

A good current business is moving in the tube and pipe lines, consumers believing that present low prices will not last.

Tube and Pipe Discounts.

Discounts to jobbers are as follows:

MERCHANT PIPE.

Steel.	Black. Pc.	Galv. Pc.
⅛, ¼ and ⅜-inch	68	53
½-inch	70	60
¾ to 6-inch	73	63
7 to 12-inch	72	63
wrought Iron.	**Black. Pc.**	**Galv. Pc.**
⅛, ¼ and ⅜-inch	65	55
½-inch	67	57
¾ to 6-inch	72	62
7 to 12-inch	70	60

For short lengths, extra streng plain ends, threads, and threads and coupling, the prices are higher.

BOILER TUBES.

	Steel. Pc.	Iron. Pc.
2 to 1½ inches	45	35½
2¼ to 3 inches	62½	45½
1¾ to 2½ and 6 to 13 inches	52½	35½

CASING.

	Pc.
2 to 3 inches	58
3½ to 4 inches	62
4½ to 12½ inches	67½

A holiday trade is commencing to pervade hardware stores, but judging from the orders that are coming in for general goods it would seem as though the regular hardware business was going to be somewhat worse than it has been. Orders contain quite a sprinkling of items for use in a holiday way, such as fancy cutlery, sporting goods and the finer articles in hardware for gifts and the like.

Buying Hardware Ahead.

The trade that is not giving any attention to holiday goods is devoting considerable attention to the matter of business for next year, future orders being large and for heavy quantities. Dealers are buying freely of nails, wire, horse shoes, sheet iron, tin plates and other heavy goods, in anticipation of changes in freight rates which will have quite an ill effect on the cost of goods after the first of the year.

The meeting of the National Window Glass Jobbers association has resulted in much better conditions on window glass. The prospects are that the trade will buy more freely under the new conditions, as they are based upon more stability and strength than has existed recently.

Prices in a general way are strong, with a slightly upward tendency. The Ware-Ware Company furnishes the following quotations: Wire nails, $1 90 in car lots; $2 00 base in less than carlots; cut nails, $2 05 in car lots; $2 20 base in less than carlots. Galvanized sheet iron, base No. 26, $3 10 per 100 pounds; galvanized sheet iron, discount 70 per cent.

U. S. STEEL CORPORATION STRENGTHENS POSITION

Opinion of Iron Age Regarding Purchase of Sharon and Donora Plants—Trade Unchanged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Iron Age will say tomorrow: The acquisition of the Sharon and Donora plants by the United States Steel Corporation is of special interest to the trade. From a trade point of view the corporation has strengthened its position; since both of the enterprises are largely self contained, from the raw material in the ground to the finished product, and since both of the plants are extremely well planned and built. The fact, however, that the corporation has assumed the purchase of outside works, and that by the guarantee of an issue of bonds, comes as a surprise to the trade, which had learned to look for developments of this nature as to the line along which additional capital would be placed. It is possible that the purchase may take the place of some of the new plants contemplated, but this is subject to conditions, so far as the current production of crude and finished materials is concerned, have not changed for the better recently. Negotiations recently pending between the United States Steel Corporation and the Bessemer associations for large blocks of pig iron for next year have been broken off for the present.

In the steel trade business is very much restricted in domestic material. Further sales have taken place of foreign billets, both for the Chicago district and for the Atlantic coast markets. St. Louis enterprises have this week called for upward of 1,000 tons of structural steel work, which goes to the leading interest.

In some markets the bar trade shows some indications that prices are not very firm. Sheets, on the contrary, on long sharply contested over by the outsiders, are getting into a firmer position.

Philadelphia notes considerable purchases of scrap, among them one lot of 4,000 tons of foreign crop ends.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CENTRAL STOCK YARDS,
Wednesday, December 17, 1902.

Cattle—Receipts fair; market steady. Choice, 1,400 to 1,600 lbs, $5 75@5 90; prime, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs, $5 65@5 60; good, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs, $5 00@5 30; tidy, 1,000 to 1,150 lbs, $4 15@4 80; fair, 900 to 1,000 lbs, $3 40@4 00; common, 800 to 800 lbs, $2 50@3 25; heifers, 700 to 1,000 lbs, $3 00@4 00; cows and stags, $3 00@4 00; common to fair fat cows, $1 75@2 00; best fresh cows, $40 00@55 00; common to good, $20 00@35 00.

Sheep—Supply light; 25 loads on sale; market slow. Best wethers, 86 to 100 lbs, $3 80@4 00; good mixed, $3 to 95 lbs, $3 40@3 75; fair, 75 to 80 lbs, $2 90@3 25; culls and common, $1 50@2 00; choice lambs, $7 40@5 65; common to good, $3 50@5 00; veal calves, $8 00@8 50; heavy and thin, $4 00@5 00.

Hogs—Supply light; 10 double decks on sale; market active and 10@15c higher. Prime heavies, $5 60@5 70; medium, $5 55@5 60; Yorkers, $5 45@5 60; light Yorkers, $5 40@5 45; pigs, $5 30@5 40; roughs, $5 00@5 20.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 7,400; strong to 10c higher. Choice yearlings and all natives. Corn cattle active, strong; cows active, firm. Best steers firm, others steady. Choice export and dressed beef steers, $5 15@5 40; fair to good, $3 75@5 10; stockers and feeders, $3 00@4 30; western fed steers, $4 00@5 40; Texas and Indian steers, $3 00@4 25; Texas cows, $1 75@4 00; native cows, $1 00@4 25; native heifers, $2 25@4 10; canners, 50c to $1 25; bulls, $2 00@4 25; calves, $4 00@6 40. Hogs—Receipts, 9,000 head; market opened 5@10c higher, closed weak. Top, $5 40; bulk of sales, $5 20@5 40; heavy, $5 27½@5 40; mixed packers, $5 00@5 32; light, $5 15@5 27½; Yorkers, $5 22½@5 27½; pigs, $5 00@5 15. Sheep—Receipts, 5,500 head; market steady to strong. Native lambs, $4 00@5 00; western lambs, $3 80@4 35; saw ewes, $3 50@3 95; native wethers, $3 00@4 00; western wethers, $3 00@4 20; stockers and feeders, $2 00@3 35.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Beeves—Receipts, 3,107 head. Steers generally 10@15c lower; cows, 10@15c lower; some late arrivals unsold. Steers, $4 40@5 75; bulls, $3@3 25; cows and heifers, $1 50@4. Cables steady. Exports, 601 cattle, 2,400 sheep and 4,000 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 1,183 head. Veals firm; barnyard calves 15@25c lower; westerns slow; few late arrivals unsold. Veals, $5 00@8 50; little calves, $4 25@4 50; barnyard calves, $3 25@4; westerns, $3 37½@4. City dressed veals firm at 11@11c a pound. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 9,405 head; good lambs strong, other slow but steady; several cars arrived too late to be sold today. Sheep, $3@4 35; choice to extra, $4 50@4 75; culls, $2 00@2 50; lambs, $5 00@6 25; culls, $4 00@4 75. Hogs—Receipts, 6,102; head; higher; state and Pennsylvania hogs, $6 50; no westerns.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 16,000 head; strong to 15c higher. Good to prime steers, $5 40@6 65; poor to medium, $3 00@5 25; stockers and feeders, $2 00@4 00; cows, $1 25@4 60; heifers, $2 00@4 75; canners, $1 25@2 40; bulls, $2 00@4 50; calves, $3 75@7 25; Texas fed steers, $3 75@4 50. Hogs—Receipts today, 31,000 head; tomorrow, 40,000 head; left over, 8,000; opened 5c higher, close, advance lost. Mixed and butchers, $5 90@6 40; good to choice heavy, 6 50@6 80; rough heavy, $6 00@6 45; light, $5 75@6 25; bulk of sales, $6 20@6 40. Sheep—Receipts, 18,000 head; steady to strong; lambs 10 to 15c higher. Good to choice wethers, $3 75@4 40; fair to choice mixed, $2 75@3 75; native lambs, $3 75@6 00; western lambs, $4 00@4 65.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 625 head; market slow and lower; veals easier; tops, $8 25@8 75; common to good, $5 50@8 00. Hogs—Receipts, 1,200 head; active, 10c higher; heavy, $6 55@6 70; mixed, $6 45@6 55; Yorkers and pigs, $6 40@6 45; roughs, $5 75@6 00; stags, $4 50@5 00. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 10,100 head; steady; top lambs, $5 50@6 00; culls to good, $3 50@5 80; yearlings, $4 25@4 75; ewes, $4 25@4 50; sheep, top mixed, $ 3 25@4 00; culls to good, $1 75@3 65.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Hogs, easier, $5 00@6 55; cattle, steady, $2 00@5 00; sheep, strong, $2 00@4 90; lambs, steady, $4 00@5 50.

NEWS FROM THE MINES.

A dispatch from Cripple Creek says that immense quantities of gray copper, rich in gold, have been discovered at a depth of 1,200 feet, which is taken as a most valuable indication of the future of the camp.

The Valley City Gold Mining Company, which is working the Shurtloff No. 2 at Cripple Creek, under a $150,000 bond and lease, will send out a 50-ton shipment this week. The grade of the ore is about $60 a ton.

The United States is contributing 26 per cent of the world's entire output of metallic zinc. Fully three-fourths of this amount is produced in that district known as the Kansas-Missouri zinc fields, located in the southwestern portion of Missouri and extending across the state's boundary into Kansas.

The Revenue group of claims, located in the Box Canyon district, near Ohio City, Colo., have been sold, the consideration being about $50,000. The property was owned by H. C. Lucas, who located it about two months ago. The vein now showing in the bottom of the shaft is seven feet across and assays from $10 to $75 a ton in gold.

A dispatch from Deadwood, S. D., says: "An excellent grade of ore is being obtained at the Sunbeam mine, situated eight miles northwest of Hill City. The shaft, an incline, is 150 feet deep, and is being deepened at the rate of two feet a day. It has two compartments and is being sunk on the vein. The company has recently installed a new steam plant of 80 horse power, with a Norwalk air compressor and drills. There is a sawmill on the property, and the company has lately erected several new buildings of lumber out on the property." This mine is owned principally by capitalist in Washington county, Pa.

It is reported that the Hillsboro Gold Mining and Milling Company and the Snake Company have consolidated their interests in Sierra county, N. M., and the two groups will be operated under one management. It is also said that the mines will be extensively developed and large reduction works will be erected. The Oliver Mining Company of Chloride recently received a large amount of mining and mill machinery. The company has power drills and is about to commence the construction of a tunnel 1,000 feet long. The Silver Monument people in the same camp have also purchased a large amount of machinery and propose to run a tunnel 1,500 feet long to tap their property.

Copper Statistics for November.

During November, according to John Stanton's monthly figures of copper production, issued today, the output of copper decreased 955 tons, but was 3,021 tons above November last year, and 2,021 tons above 1900. Exports for the month show a falling off of 3,458 tons from October, but a gain of 2,710 over November, 1901. Foreign production of copper increased 1,208 tons over October, 2,069 tons over last year, and 2,183 over two years ago.

On the basis of today's returns, production in the United States mines compares as follows in tons of 2,240 pounds:

	1902-01	1901-00	1900-99.
November	28,297	21,738	22,270
October	29,252	24,068	23,845
September	28,788	21,580	21,388
August	25,266	22,067	21,067
July	28,749	21,985	23,012
June	27,824	22,201	22,253
May	25,763	22,392	22,682
April	24,624	8,816	7,522
March	24,035	20,584	20,283
February	20,070	21,104	20,887
January	18,955	22,679	21,012
December	19,803	22,124	23,788

Comparative figures of foreign production follow, in tons of 2,240 pounds, are now given as follows:

	1902-01	1901-00	1900-99.
November	10,915	8,846	7,752
October	9,907	8,969	7,020
September	9,147	9,477	7,145
August	9,504	8,180	7,535
July	9,210	9,224	7,433
June	8,202	8,522	6,853
May	8,259	8,298	6,940
April	7,441	8,818	6,522
March	7,108	8,483	12,743
February	15,021	10,003	14,036
December	10,171	11,223	15,559

Boston Copper Stocks.

(Reported by A. E. Masten & Co.)

Adventure	12½	Parrot	22½
Amalgamated	55½	Phoenix	3
Arcadian	5½	Quincy	161½
Bingham	20	Range Consol	52½
Franklin & Hecla	360	Rhode Island	1¼
Centennial	15¾	Swift	121
Franklin	8	*Trimountain	95
Greene	25	Trinity	8
Isle Royale	32½	Shannock	140
Mohawk	36	United Fruit	103¼
Michigan	7	Utah	23¾
Mont. & Boston	2⅝	U. S. Mining	20⅞
Osceola	50	Victoria	4¼
Old Dominion	15¼	Wolverine	58¼
Old Colony	1	Winona	4¼

*Asked.

New York Mining Stocks.

Adams Con	.15	Little Chief	.09
Alice	.13	Ontario	5.75
Breece	.40	Ophir	1.24
Brunswick Con	.07	Phoenix	.09
Comstock Tunnel	.04½	Potosi	.20
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.30	Savage	.13
Horn Silver	1.25	Sierra Nevada	.35
Iron Silver	.75	Small Hopes	.25
Leadville Con	.03	Standard	3.10

STEEL COMBINE DEAL AFFECTS WALL STREET

Bankers' Money Pool Is Discouraging Speculation in Stocks.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The movement of prices in today's stock market was almost a repetition of that of yesterday. There was the same broadening show of strength up to the last hour, when a selling movement developed which wiped out practically all of the earlier gains and carried some prices below last night.

There is no reason to doubt that the late selling movement today came from the same sources and with the same objects as that of yesterday—that is to say, from sources in touch with the bankers' money pool and with the object of discouraging any indulgence in speculation.

A number of special influences also helped the show of strength. The passage of the Pennsylvania tunnel franchise by the New York board of aldermen helped the stock of that company and its subsidiary companies. Stocks of other companies with terminals on the New Jersey shore and the Hudson were also affected.

Sugar continued to reflect the hope of benefit from the Cuban reciprocity treaty, but the leaders of the speculative advance were stocks in which powerful pools ventured to go short of the stocks involved during the recent decline and were now liable to be called on for their share of the pool holdings which had figured in loans of stock for clandestine short sales.

The purchase by the United States Steel Corporation of the Union Steel Company was received at first with mixed emotions, owing to the prospect of a large bond issue against the purchase, but the steel shares subsequently became prominent factors in the advance. Reports from Philadelphia of a coming gas, electric and traction merger had a rather disturbing influence.

The money market continued to show the sentimental effect of the formation of the bankers' $50,000,000 protective pool. The sub-treasury drain upon the market is greatly relaxed, owing to heavy pension payments and to the practical cessation of deposits for transfer to the interior. The banks gained from the sub-treasury on yesterday's operations $324,000, reducing their loss since Friday to $265,000. Today's small transfer of $50,000 to New Orleans was the first made through the sub-treasury for the last eight business days. It is also reported that heavy receipts have been made by the banks during the last few days on the regular express movement from the interior.

Sterling exchange receded further today, in spite of considerable sales of stock here for London account and disappointing sequard grain clearances.

Bonds are irregular in sympathy with stocks. Total sales, par value, $2,070,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

The Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Tin lost 12s 6d of its recent advance in London today, closing at £116 7s 6d for spot and at £116 15s for futures in that market, while it was also easier here with spot quoted at $25 75@25 87½. Copper advanced 3s 6d in London, to £59 11s 6d for spot, and £61 for futures. Standard is quoted at £10 7s; Lake at $11 65 and electrolytic and casting at $11 45. Lead was unchanged and quiet locally at $4 12½, but declined 1s 3d in London, where it closed at £16 18s 3d. Spelter was dull and unchanged in New York, at $4 80, and in London, at £19 17s 6d. Iron in Glasgow closed at 54s and in Middlesboro at 46s 10d. Locally the market was dull and unchanged. Warrants continue nominal. No. 1 foundry northern is quoted at $28@28; No. 2 foundry, southern, and No. 1 foundry, southern soft, at $22@22.

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In June, 1901.

"You will make millions out of these mines. You will build up an industry in the mountains of Nevada that will be of great profit to all concerned."—President McKinley on the formation of the McKinley Co.

In December, 1902.

Authentic reports show that a body of gold ore estimated at

$2,676,000

has already been blocked out, without infringing on the copper sulphides.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held in Philadelphia, December 3, 1902, it was determined that the price of shares on and after January 1, 1903, shall be Five Dollars. The price of the shares up to that time will remain Three Dollars.

McKinley Mining & Smelting Co.

501 Keystone Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Capitalization (fixed by President McKinley) $1,000,000. Stock full paid and non-assessable.

Developments at the eighteen Gold, Copper, Silver and Lead Mines at Ely, Nevada, have reached such a stage that in the opinion of the greatest mining engineers Three Dollars no longer represents an adequate valuation of the shares. In the opinion of Professor George A. Treadwell, recognized as one of the most competent and thorough Mining Engineers of the time, the stock cannot longer be held at less than FIVE DOLLARS A SHARE in fairness to those who have already invested. Professor Treadwell says that on the merits of the mines themselves, as shown by the development work, the stock should be selling at Ten Dollars a share, and doubtless will be within a reasonably brief period paying large returns on that valuation.

STAGE OF RAPID RISES REACHED.

M. C. Barber, President of the Company, representing the paramount interests of his wife and her sister, Mrs. Ida McKinley, widow of the late President, fully acquiesced in the increase of price and expressed the gratification of the interests he represents in the rapid progress under way. It is a question of a brief period when the value of the stock must go rapidly higher, following in the footsteps of the United Verde and the Greene Consolidated. The United Verde is now selling at $300 and the Greene Consolidated at about $26 a share.

Likened Only to the Largest Mines in the World.

Over $200,000 has been expended in opening up the SAXTON AND AULTMAN MINES, the two now furthest along. Hoists are erected, shafts are down 300 feet and over 1,000 feet of tunnel extended. It is the intention to expend One Million Dollars to place the McKinley group among the richest producers on earth. James A. Saxton, President McKinley's father-in-law, from whom the mines descended to his two daughters, took out over $40,000 a year in gold from one of the mines without touching the copper. The monthly payroll approximates $6,000. Superintendent W. N. McGill, at the mines, reports the body of free-milling gold ore in the SAXTON already blocked out by the drifts and cross-cuts to the 300-foot level to be 700 feet long, 300 feet deep and 21 feet wide, containing about $2,676,000 in gold.

Professor Treadwell's View.

"The McKinley Company's Mines are today more promising than the United Verde was at the same stage. The stock is cheap at Five Dollars a share. I have examined probably 500 mines and found a half dozen first-class properties in the lot. The McKinley is one of the best of them. The stock today should be selling at Ten Dollars a share."

Dividends Could Be Paid Now.

When prospecting the mines, Professor Treadwell pronounced them among the richest Copper Properties he had ever seen. He said this week:

"These mines are in the middle of the big copper belt at Ely, Nevada. When I saw them, capped by the red iron oxide ores, I knew the rich Copper Sulphides must be found at the permanent water level. The Gold intervening between the Iron Oxides and the Copper Sulphides is much richer than usual. Over a million dollars of Gold could probably be milled with ease from the free milling gold ore already available. Dividends could be paid and the money for development secured this way. But the Gold-bearing oxide ores are a positive necessity in roasting the more valuable Copper Sulphides at the lower level. Without the Gold-bearing oxide ore the reduction of the Copper would be very expensive. In using the Gold-bearing oxide ore as a flux for the Copper ores every particle of the Gold is economically saved. Millions will be made from the Copper, and the full development of these remarkable mines will be reached in a reasonable time and at a minimum cost."

Directorate Approved by President McKinley.

All the officers are men of the strictest integrity and sound business judgment. The directorate was approved by President McKinley a few weeks before his death. M. C. Barber, the late President's brother-in-law, is President, and Professor Treadwell is Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Eighteen Mines.

Work has been done on all of the eighteen mines. Over 8,000 tons of the free-milling gold ore, running from $7.50 to $35 a ton, is on the dump of the Saxton. Several thousand tons of similar ore are on the dump of the Aultman. In addition there are the Pacific, Eldorado, Minnie Manora, Blackstone, Isaacs, Springville, Yellowstone, Cummings, Elijah, Carbonate, Willard, Ohio, Hicks, Union, Bullion and Commodore properties, all belonging to the McKinley Company, and in the vicinity of Ely, Nevada. Several of them are believed to be as rich as either the Saxton or Aultman.

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Make Checks, Drafts and Money Orders payable to

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501 Keystone Bank Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

BLIND POOL ON CORN COLLAPSED IN CHICAGO

St. Louis Crowd Failed to Corner the December Option.

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The corn pit was the center of attraction today on the board of trade, the heavy liquidation of the December option causing a loss of 5½c in that delivery at the close. May closed a shade higher. May wheat closed a fraction up but oats were ½c lower. January provisions closed from a shade to 10c lower. There was considerable excitement in the corn pit, due to the action of the December delivery, which suffered a severe setback owing to continued heavy liquidation with practically no support.

As a result of the downward plunge in prices, the attempted corner of the December option, which had been engineered by a St. Louis clique, went completely to pieces, judging from the way the long corn came out, with apparently no effect on the part of the "pool" to support the market. Large quantities of December corn, it was said, were sold out in the pit "for the account of whom it may concern," and the supposition was that those who had been endeavoring to bull the market had failed to respond to calls for margins.

Wheat ruled dull and weak, the favorable weather throughout the northwest causing longs to unload freely, and this, together with selling on short account, was the main factor in bringing out the easier feeling. Primary receipts were 602,000 bushels, against 774,000 a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 252 cars, which with local receipts of 38 cars, none of contract grade, made total receipts for the three points of 310 cars, against 393 cars last week and 330 cars a year ago.

Oats were dull and featureless and the market was a little easier on realizing in May. A fair demand from commission houses helped to maintain prices and prevented any severe break. The cable situation was not as favorable as of late. Local receipts were 207 cars.

Provisions were extremely dull and, in spite of a strong hog market, prices declined throughout the day, and the close was at a lower level. January pork closed 10c lower at $16 67½, lard was a shade lower at $9 70@9 72½, and ribs were off 2½c, closing at $8 37½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 45 cars; corn, 250 cars; oats, 195 cars; hogs, 37,000 head.

The leading futures as corrected by John D. Armstrong & Co., 200 Sixth street, members of Chicago board of trade:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'day's Close.
WHEAT					
No. 2					
Dec.	74⅝	74⅝	73⅛	74⅛	74⅛
May	77⅛	77⅛	76⅝	77⅛	77⅛
July	74⅜	74⅜	73⅝	74⅛	74
CORN					
No. 2					
Dec.	52⅝	52⅝	47⅛	47⅛	52
Jan.	46⅜	46⅜	45½	45½	46⅝
May	43⅝	43⅝	43⅛	43⅛	43⅝
OATS					
No. 2					
Dec.	31¼	31¼	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛
May	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝
MESS PORK					
Jan.	16 70	16 70	16 55	16 57½	16 67½
May	15 70	15 72½	15 52½	15 57½	15 65
LARD					
Dec.	10 20	10 22½	10 17½	10 22½	10 20
Jan.	9 77½	9 77½	9 70	9 70	9 72½
May	9 17½	9 17½	9 10	9 12½	9 12½
SHORT RIBS					
Jan.	8 45	8 45	8 37½	8 37½	8 40
May	8 32½	8 32½	8 25	8 27½	8 30

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour quiet and steady. No. 2 spring wheat, 74@76c; No. 3, 68½@72½c; No. 2 red, 73¾@74½c. No. 2 corn, 47¼@50c; No. 2 yellow, 47¼c. No. 2 corn, 31½@32⅝c; No. 3 white, 30¼@32½c. No. 2 rye, 48c. Good feeding barley, 38@40c; fair to choice malting, 45@55c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 17. No. 1 northwester, $1 25. Prime timothy seed, $3 65. Mess pork, per bbl, $17 00. Lard, per 100 lbs, $9 15@9 25. Short ribs sides (loose), $8 37½@8 62½. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8 25@8 50; short clear sides (boxed), $8 75@9 00. Whisky, basis of high wines, $1 27. Clover, contract grade, $10 75.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	49,700	27,000
Wheat, bushels	133,100	9,100
Corn, bushels	493,900	110,900
Oats, bushels	645,300	178,200
Barley, bushels	248,100	29,300
Rye, bushels	29,700	1,800

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Flour—Receipts, 19,010 barrels; exports, 6,900 barrels; dull but steady. Rye flour quiet. Buckwheat flour quiet. Cornmeal dull; yellow, $1 18; city, $1 20. Rye easy. Barley quiet.

Grain—Wheat—Receipts, 62,400 bushels; spot steady; No. 2 red, 83¼c elevator; No. 2 red, 79⅝c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 85c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 86½c f. o. b. afloat; up to midday wheat was disposed toward weakness under liquidation, easier cables and fresh short selling; later it recovered on the better movement, covering and export rumors, closing ⅛@¼c net higher; May, 80 11-16@81 3-16c; closed 81c; July, 78⅛@78⅝c; closed 78⅝c; December, 83⅜@83¾c; closed 83⅝c. Corn—Receipts, 26,250 bushels; exports, 24,377 bushels; spot easy; No. 2, 60c elevator and 60c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 61c; No. 2 white, 61½c; option market suffered at first from excessive December liquidation at Chicago, the wheat decline and fine weather, but eventually rallied on covering, late positions closing ¼c net higher, although near months were 4-2@1¾c net lower; January, 54⅛@55c; closed 54½c; March closed 51c; May, 49 13-16@49¾c; closed 49¾c; July, 47@47⅛c; closed 47c; December, 50⅝@50c; closed 50¼c. Oats—Receipts, 60,100 bushels; spot quiet; No. 2, 37½c; No. 3, 37c; No. 3 white, 37½@38c; track white, 37½@40c; standard white, 39¼c; No. 2 white, 40c; track mixed western nominal; option market opened easy, but later rallied with corn; December closed 35¼c.

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 17.—Flour quiet, unchanged; receipts, 26,711 bbls; exports, 14,812 bbls. Wheat dull; spot and December, 75¼@75½c; January, 76¼@76¾c; May, 800 asked; steamer, No. 2 red, 70¾@71c; receipts, 8,292 bu; exports none; southern by sample, 74@75c; southern on grade, 71¾@75¾c. Corn quiet; spot, old, 52¾@52

HOT CHASE AND MIX-UP IN COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Eager Pursuers Tripped Over Each Other and Fell in a Heap—Dr. Duncan Indicted for Shooting Bruce Head.

Charged with being a suspicious person, D. L. A. Ferry, an insurance collector, was arrested in the court house yesterday afternoon by Detectives Frank Milholland and Edward Barry after an exciting chase and locked up in the Central police station. Perry was in the grand jury room waiting to be summoned as a witness, when Simon Whitestone, president of the Sick and Accident union in the Park building, entered the jury room. Perry was previously employed by him, and Whitestone said Perry defrauded him out of $60.

"There he is," Whitestone said to the detectives. "I want him arrested."

With this Perry darted out of the room and started down stairs. Perry was captured on the first floor. A number of the court house employes joined in the chase. While they were running after the detectives two of the leaders in the chase fell, and the men and women in the rear fell over them. There was quite a jumble of legs and arms at the bottom of the stairway on the second floor. No one was injured.

Perry was released on bail for a hearing this morning before Magistrate Bernard McKenna.

DR. DUNCAN INDICTED.

Grand Jury Holds Him for Felonious Assault Upon Bruce Head.

The grand jury yesterday returned to true bill against Dr. Ellis Duncan for felonious assault and battery, on the information made before Alderman J. A. McGeary by County Detective R. G. Robinson. Duncan is charged with shooting Bruce Head in the mouth at Greentree on October 21 last.

Among other true bills returned were 18 against persons who are alleged to have voted on bogus tax receipts in the Upperman-Wainwright councilmanic contest in the Fifteenth ward in February, 1902. The men who are charged with a misdemeanor, are George Wind, Harry Northey, Michael McCarthy, Dennis Hogan, Harmar Lawson, Richard Murphy, William Lamb, E. M. Sills, Charles W. Foggin, Herman Foltz, Robert McClaren, Louis Lamb, William Goddard, John P. Hoffman, William Dolan, John Smith, James W. Jack and Joseph Leisman. Other true bills returned were:

Larceny, Frank Rach, Anachleto Busi, Annie Kelly, Sabe Jarda, Kelly Lubenetti, Lala et al, Frank Lala et al; false pretense, George Brooks, Barnett Levy; felonious assault and battery, John B. Barrett, entering a building with intent to commit a felony, Max Pinkstein, N. J. P. Yost; conspiracy, J. N. Griffith et al; misdemeanor, Edward Klein, Robert McGowan; assault and battery, Ida McGrail, John Rosondic, Alice Curtin, James Reed, M. Seibert; embezzlement, Thomas B. Smith, William Nast; libel, Frank Zotti (2); carrying concealed weapons, Lutzio Arfidia; selling liquor without license and on Sunday, Mary Butler.

Ignored bills: Assault and battery, William A. Young, Charles Presta, William Bigley, Alex Doubs; forcible entry and detainer, E. L. Reed; false pretense, John Pahuskie; aggravated assault and battery, Joseph B. Schroder; larceny from the person, J. H. Lee; larceny, Elizabeth Lloyd.

FEENEY'S CHRISTMAS.

Former Street Car Conductor Must Spend the Holiday in the Workhouse.

A hearing was held before Judge Elliott Rodgers on a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, for the release of Michael Feeney, a traction car conductor, from the workhouse.

Feeney was taken from his car about a week ago by Thomas McQuaide, on suspicion of having taken fares. At the hearing next morning in default of $50 and costs, he was sent to the workhouse for 20 days. Someone paid his fine later, and at the hearing yesterday it was claimed by Feeney that he wanted to spend Christmas with his family in Baltimore.

The court refused to release Feeney, and said he was fortunate to get off as easy as he did.

COST BOTH MONEY.

Seventh Ward Election Day Suits Unsatisfactory to Either Party.

In the cross suits of Policeman Nathan Levenson and Walter Graham, colored, charging each other with assault and battery, both men were acquitted and the costs divided in both cases. The trouble occurred in the Seventh ward following election day, and had its inception over the dispute between Levenson and Matthew Bell at the Second district polls.

Henry Blair was convicted on two charges of assault and battery, preferred by his wife, and sentenced to jail for 60 days.

Those were acquitted: Charles Guest, assault and battery on Fred Dooley, costs divided; Nalshot Oswald, assault and battery on Wilson Sheasley, costs divided; Annie Przybylok, aggravated assault and battery in hitting Thomas Graham on the head with a stone, defendant pay the costs; W. G. Rose, assault and battery on W. A. Borton, costs divided; Stephen Gados, assault and battery on Charles Schwartz, latter to pay costs.

John Wagner was convicted of pointing firearms at William Merscher.

New Suits Filed.

COMMON PLEAS NO. 1.

Plaintiff.	Defendant.	Action.
Adele Everman	Michael Joyce	Tres.
International Weaving Co.	W. B. Lovelace et al	Assp.
M. H. Pickering	Mrs. M. Bower	Rep.
David Thomas	Thomas Wightman	Assp.
W. L. Harvey	Price & Co.	Ap.
Peter F. Ryan et ux	Dr. Wm. Plattner	Tres.
George F. Sleek	City of Allegheny	Tres.
E. Silverman	I. Glatsch	Ap.

COMMON PLEAS NO. 2.

R. B. Gamble & Co.	Eichenlaub & Madden	Ap.
W. W. Hunter & Son	A. B. Campbell, administrator, et al	Sci. fa. rev.

COMMON PLEAS NO. 3.

Freeport Planing Mill Co.	James M. Carboy	Assp.
Scott A. White	Homewood Sub-School district	Assp.
German Building and Loan association	John L. Baker et al	Sci. fa. rev.
Nelson, Morris & Co.	Benjamin and Mary Trobovet	Ap.

Today's Trial Lists.

Criminal court—Commonwealth versus Fred. Cushman, Thomas Kelly, Carlo de Fazio, Sam Sotato, John Fitzgerald (2), John Severan, Felix Cominski, Mike Schollinger, Edmund McGruder, William Bergen, Harvey Brubach, Henry Hecht, Coleman Conroy, Mary Carrigan, Jac Umshtak, Yako Umshtak, Joseph Penile, J. R. Weaver, Lutzis Arfidia, Charles Fisher, Fred Sturtz, Joseph M. O'Neill, Arthur Davis, Thomas McNulty, Catherine Blackstock, Nick Rudokoric, Della Swoger, Annie Hominak, Garanni Geruce, Salvadore Comella, James Lowther, George Clark, Della Lowther (2), Frank Timberlake.

Common pleas No. 1—Theilman vs. Duquesne Traction Company; Alexander vs. Sedwick, Gordon Smith Company vs. Kleinschmidt, Rovallo vs. Consolidated Traction Company; Bulger vs. Newell, etc.; Fralich et ux vs. Hall Steam Pump Company; Andree vs. Supreme Tent, K. of M.; Nurse vs. Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chic. & St. Louis railway; Harold vs. McDonald; Doubleday-Hill Electric Company vs. Harvey.

Common pleas No. 2—Pennsylvania Steel Manufacturing Company vs. Shields; Scott vs. Woods; Latimer vs. Watson; McCauley Bros. vs. McCormick; Goldsrohm et al vs. borough of Duquesne; Dunlap vs. Davis, Salisbury vs. Clark et al.

Common pleas No. 3—Argument list.

LEGAL BRIEFS.

John Proscsak and John Sturgeon were discharged from bankruptcy.

Susan E. Murdock, late of Natrona, left a $3,500 estate to her children.

Adele Eyermann sued Michael Joyce for $10,000 damages for an alleged assault.

Ellen Picken, late of Pittsburgh, leaves a small estate to Charles Hardy, a nephew.

A decree in distribution in the estate of Margaret Gallagher shows a balance of $4,500.

The guardian of the estate of Mabel C. Waughaman charges himself with $10,486 33, and has a balance of $5,094 86.

An order was made directing the receiver of the Cyclone Manufacturing Company to continue business for three months.

Non-suits were entered as follows: James Lappan & Co. against the Elcho Oil Company; J. W. Bradshaw against Henry Sell and others.

A verdict for the respondent was returned yesterday in the divorce case of Thomas A. Cochran, Jr., against Anna Cochran. Infidelity was charged.

The case of the City of Allegheny against the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company to recover $3,875 pole license, was transferred from common pleas court No. 1.

Executions were issued as follows: W. H. Crouch vs. George Patocuak, $278; William M. Bell, use, vs. F. F. Elliott, $1,730; Germania Savings bank of Pittsburgh vs. William Prescott, $297; H. J. Power vs. William K. Herbert, $1,440; A. Flaig vs. Michael Lauer, $112.

The report of Pier Dannals, master in the contest over the election of John Upperman as a member of select council from the Fifteenth ward, was filed yesterday in quarter sessions court. The report was made known at the time it was submitted to the lawyers. The master overruled the exceptions filed and the case will go on the argument list.

Judgment for $18,529 was entered for the plaintiff in the United States circuit court yesterday in the case of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, for use of P. V. Rovlanek against F. W. Shultz and others. In 1897 a judgment was entered against Rovlanek and others for $21,000. Rovlanek was obliged to pay the whole amount and suit was brought to recover from the others defendants.

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will be moved from the 3rd floor to special tables in main aisle of first floor, and will be on sale tonight for

25 Per Cent Less Than Marked Prices.

This 25 per cent discount does not apply to the regular lines of the 3rd floor.

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They are splendid specimens of medium price to costly goods, and the 25 per cent discount at which they will be sold will be quite an object to gift buyers.

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Women's and Children's.

This morning we put on sale a new lot, comprising some 6,000 women's Embroidered and Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, in a variety of pretty and dainty styles, and the prices will be 18c each, or $1 per half dozen. These are the usual 25c Handkerchiefs.

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We are showing an immense variety of women's Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs in the prettiest of Christmas patterns, 25c, 50c, 75c and $1 each. The largest assemblage of these Handkerchiefs ever shown in any one collection.

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A Christmas Suit for the Boy.

Or a stylish Topcoat.

Now if the boy has plenty of every-day Clothes it would not be a bad idea to tickle his fancy with Dress Suit—if he is still in short trousers a short trouser Tuxedo Suit. $12 along to $18. Or if he has just gone over the line into long trousers suits, the same Tuxedo Suit, only long trousers, $25 and $30.

Or maybe your boy is one of those don't care fellows that does not like full dress—then a neat Suit of black Thibet—short trouser style, $10 to $16.50, long trouser style, $16 to $20.

We have a complete line of white Vests to wear with short trouser Suits, $2.75.

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The Christmas Trees

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Women's Christmas Neckwear.

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IN the court of common pleas, No. 3, No. 628, November term, 1902.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the construction of a lateral sewer on Dickson street, from Stayton street to Frederick alley, Eleventh ward.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

S. A. PURVIS,
D. O. BARR,
J. H. DAWSON,
Viewers.

IN the court of common pleas, No. 3, No. 434, November term, 1902.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the grading, paving, curbing and damage by grade of Bluff street, from Iten street to Goehring's east line, Twelfth ward.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

S. A. PURVIS,
D. O. BARR,
J. H. DAWSON,
Viewers.

OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

IN the court of common pleas, No. 3, No. 624, November term, 1902.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the construction of a lateral sewer on Luray street, from Linwood alley to an unnamed alley Tenth ward.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1902, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

S. A. PURVIS,
E. E. PHILLIPS,
S. T. M'CLELLAND,
Viewers.

OFFICIAL—ALLEGHENY.

IN the court of common pleas, No. 3, No. 621, November term, 1902.

In the matter of the petition of the city of Allegheny for the appointment of viewers to ascertain the costs, damages and expenses, and assess the benefits for the construction of a lateral sewer on Perryaville avenue (under west sidewalk), from Portman avenue to connect with sewer at Broadway, Fifteenth ward.

Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that the undersigned viewers, duly appointed by the court in the foregoing matter, have prepared a schedule, showing the damages, costs and expenses ascertained and allowed, and the benefits assessed for the foregoing improvement, and that said viewers will meet and exhibit the same at their office, Municipal hall, Allegheny, on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1902, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and will then and thereupon hear all exceptions thereto and evidence thereon.

J. G. REEL,
E. E. PHILLIPS,
S. T. M'CLELLAND,
Viewers.

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